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Boundary Expedition
between the Creek & Cherokee
Indians. under Capt L Sitgreaves
& Lieut I. C. Woodruff Corps of
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Fort Gibson June 20th 49

Clear & hot we moved from Fort Gibson to our Camp in the afternoon I received a letter from Jennie Symington dated the 25th also two from Lillie one of the 28th & 30th " I put a letter in the post for her. I enjoyed much a serenade on the other side of the River - McCoy sent for me and I found him in a delicate state but improving

Thursday 21st Clear & hot We all rose at day break and we started for the Verdegris River four miles from Fort G. we encamped just above the ferry leading to the Creek agency and one mile below the falls the road is principly through the timber and a small portion of prarie the Indians live along the road at the distance of about 1/4 of a mile from each other they rase Corn Cattle & Hogs and are very indolent. In speaking to Dr Wall

about the diseases most prevelent among the Indians he said but little was known about them but that he has found Scroffula quite prevalent among the full bloods. The site of our camp is quite elevated some 28 feet above the River Capt Sitgreaves & Lt Woodruff went to the Creek agency

Friday 22d Clear & hot shower in the afternoon I rose at daylight commenced the survey took my gun and commenced looking for birds after hunting all the morning I returned without having discovered any thing new I collected a few plants in the afternoon gave Sheltz instruction in preparing bird skins ticks very troublesome I picked 6 off me this morning

Saturday 23d Clear & hot took a ride in the morning with Mr Burgess to explore the country we rode in

over part of the Prarie but finding
a larg green headed fly very trou-
blesome we made our way into the
woods here we followed different
trails. here we found trees of immense
size white, & red oaks, Poplar, Button-wood, Cotton-
wood &c, soil deep alluvial and stony
I rode to see McToy found him improoving
though much prostrated his disease
might be called intermittent Cholera
he having had an attack every other
day knowing that I gave him on Thursday
grs xxx of Sulph Quinine and H Ch Nit grs x
but on the day he had another attack
of vomiting & purging and ceased urinating
I gave him in the night H. Ch. Nit grs xxx
Pulv Opii grs ii. Spts Aeth Nit ℥i. Olterd ℥i
a teaspoon full every half hour this had
the desired effect and he urinated

freely ~~bread~~ drapions to abdomen and his vomiting ceased gave him boiled rice to eat and rice water to drink to night gave him S Quinia grs x P Ipec et Opii grs x ii to take at bedtime this day I obtained a Hawk which I took for Ictinia Plumbea but on ~~examination~~ proved not to be it. it is a female & measures from tip of beak to tip of tail 15½ inches extent of ~~wings~~ 37½ inches its stomach was filled with Coleoptera

Sunday 24th. Clear & hot in the morning it commenced raining at about 12 o'clock and continued until 3 P.M. it thundered & lightened considerablly Lt Woodruff Mr Burgess & I dined at Mr Shaws Did not call to see Mr Foy as I was sent word that his vomiting & purging had ceased he rested well all night stools ~~a few~~

Monday 25th. Foggy early in the morning clear at 8 o'clock A.M. Cloudy at 2 P.M. cool in the morning but it soon got warm. I took my gun and went to a woods below the Camp where I obtained a few warblers the skins of which I prepared in the afternoon we were

visited at noon by two Indian girls with
berries to sell one of whom was quite handsome
but could not speak a word of English
Called to see Mr Joy found him convalescent
ordered him Chicken broth and Crackers
Capt Stevenson Lt Neill & Jut Shaw made
us a visit in the afternoon

Tuesday 26th Rainy nearly all day clea-
red about 5 o'clock P.M. I then took a walk
after birds saw nothing new I collected a
few plants.

Wednesday 27th Clear & hot I took a hunt
in the woods below the camp but obtai-
ned but little a bird which I take
to be the Sylvicola formosa ~~Trochilus Delafieldii~~ is quite
abundant in the thickets but it is

6 difficult ~~to~~ shoot on account of the denseness of the thicket or its being to near to you I also obtained a specimen of the Sylvicola Cerulia but it was so badly shot that I was unable to prepare it The Pyranga rubra is quite numerous I obtained several males of mottled plumage adult ~~adult~~ birds. I prep-ared two skins on returning and in the afternoon rode out on the prairie with Mr B & Mr Shaw to look for a place for our next Camp, having found a spot about 6 miles off we returned. I brought back with me a few plants which I placed in the press. we had a beautifull moonlight night

Thursday 28th Clear in the morning there was a shower in the after noon we moved our Camp from

the Verdegris we started at 5 O'clock P.M. after we had got afoot two miles I left the party and rode to ~~our future~~ the spot where we intended to encamp expecting to overtake Mr. Smith and his men who were out surveying & were to meet us not finding them after hollowing and making a noise I ret-urned when I approached the party and was not far from them Moses came along and said he had been sent for me that Drew was very ill on my returning I found that one of the wagons had got up to the hubs in the mud not far from the place where I left them and they were forced to un load Drew was complaining of a violent diarrh-ea attended with violent pain I gave

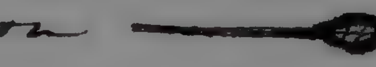
him mist Creta et Kino ℥i Tinct Opii ℥i which he drank immediately. in about half an hour after I gave him Hyd Ch Mit grs xx Pulv Opii gr i. soon after which he was relieved. our wagons started and they did not go far when one of them stalled again and so they continued one after another they were onloaded ~~and~~ loaded several times but at last the instrument wagon got in hub deep and they were forced to take the mules out and hitch the oxen and after pulling at it the axeltree broke. The moon by this time had gone down for it was now one O'clock and we came to the conclusion that we must wate for daylight to assist us and it was necessary for us to bivouac for each one

hunted a place the gras was very
wet as there was a very heavy
dew and I had been until this
time on my horse and was ~~very~~ quite
tired so after having made him
fast to the wheel of a wagon I crawled
inside ~~the~~ ~~wagon~~ it was very full of
goods and the only place I could find to lie was
an ~~ox~~ ox yoke with a gridiron for
my pillow however as uncomfortable as
this berth ~~was~~ may seem I was so much fat-
-igued that I soon was sound asleep
Friday 29th Foggy at daylight we started
and encamped on a small creek about
half a mile from this place and
there is a small grove of trees following this
creek and makes quite a pleasant
camp after unloading one of the wagons
it was sent for the things in

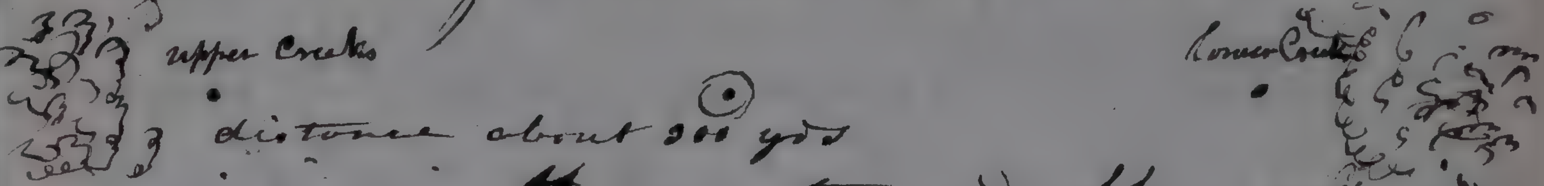
the instrument wagon which after being unloading it was drawn to the camp one of the men the night before killed a white Opossum with a black spot on the top of the head I told them to put it in one of the wagons, but this evening when I wanted to skin it it was not to be found. But little was done to day all hands being worn out by the fatigue of the night before. Roach was taken with Diarrhoea last night but did not mention it until this morning I then gave him the Mist Creta shortly afterwards he was seized with cramp vomiting and purging his eyes sunken and I saw then that he had Cholera I immediately applied a large sinapism to his abdomen and gave him Hyd

chlo mite grs xx Pulv opii gr i. gt

this I repeated three times at an interval
of about two hours. and it had the desired
effect ~~allaying~~ intense thirst I gave him
Potass Carb ℥i. Sacch Alba q.s. Aqua ℥iv.
of this he took a tablespoonfull every half
hour at 2 O'clock P.M. the vomiting and
purging had ceased and towards even
ing he felt perfectly well. then I was
sent for by Barnard who was comp
laining of Cramps in the intestines
I gave him Hyd Ch mite grs xx P Opii
gr i. There was a small shower at one
O'clock McGrath one of the men that was out with Mr Smith
said any person might know this was Arizona
what a pity to see such land going to waste that might raise such fine potatoes
Saturday 30th Clear & hot I wrote to
Dr Arnott in the morning took a bath
in the afternoon and then rode about
eight miles to hunt another ~~en~~ camp-
ground it was about eight O'clock

Sunday July 1st. Clear & very hot I left the
camp about 8 O'clock and crossed the Verde-
-gris called on Col Royford and then
for Browns store about 2½ miles dis-
-tance to see two parties of Creeks
play ball They commenced at 11½ O'clock on
a fine piece of prarie with a woods on each
side the grass was eaten quite short by
the cattle they were all naked and painted
waring brich clouts each having two bats
shaped much like a spoon 
The parties were stationed on each side
of the field and they commenced dan
cing one of them holding a young sapling
round this they would run at the same time
singing and hooping when one party had
got through the other would commen
-ce the ground was measured by two
old men who appeared to take great

interest in the game after dancing
on each side several times they met
then some of each side side divided some



remaining in the centre and others staying
on each side so as to prevent the ball being
sent home the ball then was started by
throwing it up in the air in the centre then
each one tried to seize it with his paddle
then whoever would get would try to throw
it to the opposite side and this oponents
would try to stop him to do this he would
strike at the paddles ~~or~~ on the arms or
back and in this way many of them
were bruised or cut sometimes there would
be twenty scrambling with their paddles
for the ball when it would get on the
ground then on one's siezing he would
start off and run towards the opposite

side so that he might throw it home
the others all following and when he found
they were likely to check him he would
throw it and then jump up in the air and
hollow when they were after the ball they
would trip each other and every now and
then you would see one going head over
heels the game was ten and was won by
the upper Creeks they were by far the
largest number. Then they divided and
there were 46 on each side the game then
was closely contested twenty being the
game the lower Creeks gained it by one
there were many spectators both whites
and Indians women and children Col Rayford
a letter of introduction to the ex Creek agent
Col Logan and he introduced me to many
of the Indians chiefs and others. here I
saw three young buffaloes with other

cattle I left with Col L about 1 o'clock and rode to the agency and after remaining a few minutes we started to go to a funeral dinner at a sons of Gen McIntosh whose child died about 4 months since it was about one mile from the agency I was introduced to the father and the principle men to Mrs Hawkins & Miss Marshall There were two tables set and they had just commenced as we had got there the table was well supplied Turkeys chickens, Beef, Pork, &c, vegetables of different kinds Corn & Wheat bread rice pudding. pies cakes, coffee &c I suppose there must have been 300 that took dinner there The Indians were setting round in every directions on their haunches there were great numbers of squaws there with their children

in the morning they had a sermon preached & were to have another after dinner the prettiest squaw there was a ~~Miss~~ Marcshall daughter of the Chief I left there at 3 O'clock after enjoying a dinner of Rost Turkey and peas. and arrived at camp at 5 O'clock after having been much gratified with my visitte it was tremendious hot all day and the perspiration was roling off ~~on~~ all hands. After return to camp we had all our things packed so as to be ready to start at break of day. It rained a little during the night
Monday 2d. Cloudy left our camp at uncles Jims fork at 4 O'clock A.M. and passed over a beautifull roling prari ~~then sun made~~ its appearance at about 7 O'clock quite hot. but there

was a fine breeze from the south and in the west and south there were thunder storms which added to the beauty of the scene every thing went on well until they got about four miles from our next camp when the oxen began to give out the Captain and I rode ahead and arrived at our next ~~camp ground~~ there at 10½ o'clock being thirteen & half miles from our last camp they were forced to leave three of the oxen on the road and one wagon the rest arrived in camp at 2 o'clock and at 4 o'clock had a fine shower they then sent for the other wagon and on arriving there found the three oxen dead this camp is situated ~~in~~ a piece of timber on flat rock creek a pretty stream emptying in ~~Grand~~ Neosho river. we had supper

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about 6 o'clock and I enjoyed it much being hungry as a wolf not having had any thing except a piece of cracker and ham all day the other wagon arrived and we got our tents pitched about dark and we retired early not having had much sleep the night before.

Tuesday 3^d^ Clear & hot Thermometer 87° at 1 a.m. Showery in the afternoon in the morning I took a stroll along the creek and shot a specimen of the S. ... The young of the Sylvicola Canadensis abundant. in picking up a stone I received a severe sting and dropped it quickly and on turning it over I found a scorpion I immediately applied it to my mouth and commenced sucking. the pain did not last long and I suffered no inconvenience from it The prairies here are covered with numerous lime stone and conglomerate rocks many of which

have the prickley pear growing on them;
in the afternoon I prepared three birds
Mr. B. started for Mr. Shaws to procure
oxen. on this creek I found numerous
unios
~~bivalve~~ shells. retired early
Wednesday 4th. Cloudy & rain until 9 o'clock
clear and warm the rest of the day. I spent
part of the morning washing my clothes this
I did by placing them in a bucket and pound
-ing them with a piece of wood I had 13 pieces
I then tried to catch some fish but found
them scarce I pressed numerous plants
in the afternoon I took a walk down the
creek with Lt. W. to try and obtain some
fossils and procured but a few found birds
very scarce. Mr. B. returned at 10½ P.M. no mail
had yet arrived at the Fort there being four now due
Mr. S told the men if they saw any strange plants to
hand them to him one of them came across a prickley
[illegible] he [illegible] his bag and [illegible] put
the [illegible] in his pocket

pear he said nothing but stood looking at it when one of his companions arrived and he commenced talking about this curious plant and asked him if he had ever seen such in Ireland and in this way induced the fellow to ~~examine~~ it and after seizing it and being pricked he swore that if it festered he would ~~give~~ darken his eyes for him a ~~blue~~ eye

Thursday 5th Clear & hot I took a walk in the morning up Flat Rock Creek found birds very scarce after having walked one and a half miles above the camp on the north side which was well covered with timber the creek up to this point was broad and deep here it became shallow and I crossed and returned by the opposite bank where there is but a narrow strip of wood between it and the prairie I obtained specimens of the Buteo pyemalis & Vermivora solitaria, also two squirrel which I

prepared on my return

Friday 6th Cloudy & showery thermometer at 12. M 76° it poured about 1 o'clock and Moses had his fire put out and lost most of the dinner at 3 P.M. we took a lunch I overhauled my plants and remained about camp took a bath in the evening

Saturday 7th Rained heavily all day Thermometer 74° in front of our tent there is quite a stream running in front of ever since yesterday and mud in every direction the creek rose several feet I made myself a red flannel coat.

Sunday 8th Shower in the morning clear at 8 a.m. washed my clothes. took a ride in the afternoon also a bath

Monday 9th Clear & hot but a fine breeze. I was awoken at 2 a.m. by a

man asking me if I would go and see a Mrs Knight an Indian woman who was quite ill her little one was about leaving. I went with him about 1½ miles to a Mr Wiats he lived in an old log house I entered a door and found the family were strewn over the floor The woman was in a bed in one corner with a child about 18 months old they ~~were~~ without a light and the room was without a window there were two doors opposite each other in an corner there was a mahogany hair seat sofa in the other a large high post beadstead on the same side ~~were~~ two mahogany beaureaus one of them with a swinging mirror and in the other corner was a rough yellow pine board bedstead on. this was the woman in labor.

on the sofa was a pretty Indian girl
in the center of the room on the floor was Wiat a white man and
one of his children in another corner
was an Indian woman and another child
things looked very dirty. I asked the woman
when she first felt the pains she told me
last evening half an hour by sun and
told me she was seven months gone
she said she had not had a show and
by what she said I came to the
conclusion that she was threatened with
abortion and I used preventative remedies
but after my remaining there a short
time I found that she had regular
labor pains at about 14 minutes intermis-
sion I then made an examination
and found the os uteri nearly dilated
and the head about entering the inferior
straight and at at half past 5 a.m. the
smiles was taken sick

was delivered of a fine well formed
male child. I left the woman previous to
this and told the women to get her prepared
that in the corse of a few minutes she
would have a child ~~I left~~ the room and
when they called me found the woman
seated on the knees of the Indian woman
and a chair on each side with a foot
on each ~~side~~ and ~~a~~ negro woman hold
-ing her hands not liking this position
I got her to lie down on her side on
the bed and fixed it properly for her
and when the child was removed she would
stand up so as to get rid of the placenta
occasionally stamping with one of her
feet but becoming exausted she was
forced to lie down and I removed them
the old negro gave her a bottle and told
her to blow in it when she had the

pains so as to assist her which amounts
to about the same thing as to holding
their breath before leaving they had
my breakfast prepared which consisted
of Corn bread, Grits fried, salt pork,
and coffee and rancid butter, for this
I had not a very strong appetite. after
returning to camp which was at 8 a.m
I had my breakfast prepared I took
a hunt after this and in the afternoon
packed my things at 6 P.M we started
for the camp at the corner. after the
party had got under way W. W. 6 I took a bath
I then called to see Mrs K found her doing
well but child dead. The flies on the
prarie were very troublesome I over
took the party at sun set there was
one creek we had to bridge with
brush which detained us at 9 P.M. 6.m

we came to a halt I put my cot together put the horse blanket on it with my saddle for a pillow. Det-ained my clothing removing nothing not even my hat boots or spurs. The air was delightfull I slept sound and got up at Tuesday 10th 2 a.m. packed up my things saddled my horse and at 3 we started it was fine and moonlight the sun rose and the scene was realy charming you could see for miles a beautiful rolling prairie in one portion there was one ~~continuation~~ succession of mounds in the west we had the divergent rays much of the prairie we crossed was very stony and but few flowers. The Captain & I rode ahead and chose a place for Camp. which is in a cluster of timber on a small creek on a bank. ten feet high this

is a pleasant place ~~to~~ catching the soth
ern breeze we found Mr S. and his men
here they having been here all night
his face was tremendously swolen which
he atributed to the musquetoes which he
said made such a noise that he could
not hear a wolf howl. at sun rise this
morning there ~~was a beautifull~~ sky in
the east ~~there clouds~~ the Clouds presented a beautiful
appearance being of various Colours. in
the west the divergent rays were very
distinct and in the same direction
the prarie was covered by flowers spots
of Red, yellow, & White forming a
bouquet on a larg scale we got
our Tents pitched and had dinner
at 12 M in the evening we took
a bath and I wrote to Aunt we retired
early The Creek upon which our Camp

is situated) we have christened Snake
Creek from the numbers of snakes seen
here on our arrival.
Wednesday 11th Clear & hot I took a tramp
after breakfast up the Creek found
birds rather scarce, I saw several speci-
-mens of the Sylvicola mitrata & S formosa
The rock along this creek appears
to be limestone we had one of the
oxen killed. I took a bath in the eve-
-ning and washed my clothes. On Monday
morning as Mr Smith was getting
up he spied a small Animal in
the tent and he called Mr Burgess
to know what it was and he answered
a young Bear at the same time
got out of bed and went off at a distance
this surprised Smith and he demanded
again what it was when Mr B cried out

Skunk shoot it. This he was about doing when he saw the animal come to a stand as if he was going to make fight he then slipt out the Line and left the Skunk in possession who after looking round walked out then Mr B shot him and unfortunately the old asthmatic dog of Moses was near him and he was wounded also and went hopping off on three legs and was not seene ~~afterwards~~. To day I placed the Thermometer in the ~~shade~~ Sun and the mercury rose as high as it could which was 127° and Mr S. said had I left it there it would have knocked the top off. in the shade 88°

Thursday 12th Clear and very hot in the morning at 2 o'clock the Thermometer was 89° at 2½ o clock it rained heavily and the Creek rose very high I took a hunt in the morning but obtained nothing I wrote to Tell

On monday last Miles complained of having the chills and on my examining ~~him~~ found that he had considerable fever & thinking it was nothing more than Intermittent Fever I did not give him medicine on our arrival in Camp I gave him Ol Ricini and in the evening x intended to give him Quinine but find ing that he had some fever and comp laining of great weakness tongue furred I gave him M Hydg gr x on the following morning his fever had increased I repeat ed the blue mass at 10 a.m. his respiration was short and difficult pulse quick and labouring V.S. ℥x which which relieved him considerable gave Potas in Carb et Aqua ~~to~~ a tablespoonfull every half hour he becoming delerious I applied Emp Canth to back of head

gave him rice water repeated in
Hyd. he was excessively weak and passed
his water in bed
Friday 13th Clear & warm had a heavy
shower at 12 M. Mr. W and I were out
riding near the ~~Neosho~~ Grand River – I took shel-
ter under a large tree and the rain
holding up we took shelter in an Indian
cabbin which was occupied by two
men part bloods, but one was married
and ~~she~~ his wife had gone as he said to have
a frolic that was she was about being
confined in returning we cut ~~some~~ cane
for pipe stems and then took through
the woods and across the Prarie here we
found it covered with stone lime & Red
sand stone we saw but few flowers
Miles continues without fever I gave
him Brandy Beef tea & Rice Water

gave him oil at night.
Saturday 14th Clear & warm ^a shower in the afternoon. I remained in
Camp all day found Miles rather better
in the morning the oil having opperated
3 times during the night had him sponged
put on clean clothes had a new bed
made for him and his tent moved, contin
ued the Brandy, Beef tea & Rice water. P Dovers gr x
at bedtime saw him throughout the night
Reif & Barnard were sent to the Fort I sent a letter for aunt & Jillie
Sunday 15th Cloudy and showery I found Miles
at daylight with a high fever at the subsiden
of which he spoke quite rational then
there came on a cold swet and from this
time he commenced sinking rapidly which
was at 10 O'clock I increased the Brandy and
added Quinine and applied Mustard
to abdomen & extremeties at 4 O'clock P.M.
he died we then had him washed and a clean
shirt put on after which he was placed

in his Buffalo hide and it tied round him at sun set he was carried to his grave plasing him on his cot which was made of two poles with grape vines run from one side to the other and grass on top of this his grave was dug near the corner under two scrub oak trees here they encountered much Iron Ore, and the ground was very stony.

Monday 16th Clear & hot In the morning I shouldered my gun and took a walk over the Prairie I shot the Muscicapa for-ficatus she had a nest with 3 young ones this was in a scrub Oak on the Prairie Mr Shaw & Mr Kerner the old trapper made us a visite and brought us papers spent the afternoon skinning birds and pressing plants.

Tuesday 17th Clear and hot in the morning in the afternoon it became cloudy and at 6 oclock it commenced raining until which time it was excessively hot it then commenced getting cool and at dark I had to put on extra clothing & blankets comfortable at night in the morning Mr. St & I took a hunt after birds but found none such as I wished to obtain we walked down the creek and found on portions of the bank high rock from 20 to 30 feet perpendicular most of which were lime stone I obtained a few fossil shells. In the afternoon we all went a fishing I caught a fine large sun fish and on throwing my line in again it caught in some thing, & lost my hook and I was force to stop I then took my gun and walked up the creek the timber here was large with

but little under brush but I found no birds.

Wednesday 18th Cloudy and showery in the morning the sun shining occasionally Mr W & I started to see Doctor Ross we left at 8 O'clock A.M. it was quite cool and pleasant after travelling about eight miles and crossing one creek on our arrival at the second we found the water very high Mr W did not like to venture I started in with my pony but the water was soon to the top of his back and the water running in at the top of my boots I having my feet on the horses back we returned and went to an Indian Cabin we found it a girl she looked much like a mulatto I asked her if there was another fording to the creek that was not so deep she answered yes. but a short distance

above and to follow the trail we after going some distance followed one into the woods and this led us into a thickitt and I found it difficult to pass in many places once I was caught by a grape vine which held me quite firmly the horse pulling in an opposite direction I was forced to take out my large knife and cut myself loose this I was forced to do several times we finding it getting worse and worse retraced our steps and struck another trail leading to the creek but it appearing very high we hunted another but after riding about a mile we concluded that we had better return to camp the character of the Prarie was about the same as we have crossed before in some places it was very rocky and in other stony

Thursday 19th Cloudy until 12 O'clock some rain I took a walk in the morning to hunt birds but obtained none after dinner Mr Smith & I went in pursuit of the Tyrannus forficatus we saw three but were unable to approach them

Friday 20th Cloudy and showery in the morning clear at 1 P.M. with a pleasant breeze from the North West things dried very fast and our tents commenced loosing their musty smell for nearly every thing was covered with mould I remained about the Tent all day & took a bath in the evening Lt. W & Capt S. took observations in the evening being the first chance they have had without interruption since they had been here.

Saturday 21st Clear all day & warm in the morning Mr S & I took our guns and rode over

to the Creek north of us and followed it to
its mouth at the Grand River we saw but
few Birds and they were common we returned
at 1 P.M. and it was quite warm.
Sunday 22d. Clear & pleasant in the morning Mr.
B & I started for Mr. Rossi's we cut across the Prairie
and by this means saved a few miles after crossing
Poor Creek on the bank of which the rock
made its appearance it was flat and appear
ed to be Limestone here for the first time
in this country did I see Cedar growing here
we jogged along and missed the trail following
as we supposed the one most travelled and
the first thing we come to was a field of
fine corn and we soon brought up in front
of a log house. here sitting under
some trees was a white man with an
Indian wife and a number of Children
who were running about with nothing

on but a shirt, one of them a boy I observed in particular for he was particularly knock kneed. We asked the man the road and he directed us to a path which he said would lead us to it and it was but a short distance and after finding it and riding some distance we found several trails leading from it and we were puzzeled which to take but fortunately we struck the right one, here we saw two very remarcable mounds one of which was round and taper-ing to a peak and about two thirds the distance up there were flat rocks projecting and covered with small bushes these formed a circle and presented quite a strange appear-ance this mound was quite high. the one to the west of ~~which~~ this was very long not near so high and shaped much like a steep roof of a house excepting at the ends

which were sloped gradually the trail
from here took an easterly direction
for about two miles when we entered
the timber which was clear of under
brush and was principaly white oak
to our right before entering this timber
we saw an immense corn field we followed
on for about a mile we then coming
to the end of the woods which was
on very high ground we had a fine
view of the (Grand) Neosho River hills these
put me much in mind of the hills
along the Schuylkill in Berks Co
the Indians here have as fine Corn
as I have ever seen before we here
came to a house but there was no one
at home except a mulatto Girl who
appeared to be Cooking some dinner
she directed us the proper road in

telling us that it was about two miles to Mr R. after passing a mile farther we came to another fine field of corn among which were pumpkins and water mellons growing then about an acre of sweat potatoes. This we found belonged to a white man on coming to the house we found him and his family seated under some trees he was a powerfull looking fellow and his wife a white woman in a cabin near by was a quantity of negroes stowed away we rode on and after going ~~two~~ one miles farther on over a very rough path we descended a large gully looking as though there was occasionally a tremendous wash there caused by the rain there was limestone rock on the sides

and the bottom was covered by
fragments so much so that it was
difficult for our horses to travel
along we then came to a two story
log house about which there were
a number of Cherokee Indians and
one negro on demanding of them
the road to Mr R they said nothing
but the black fellow spoke and said
he belonged to Mr R, and that it was
two miles from there, and that
the family were not at home. I then
got a piece of paper from one of
the Indians and wrote a note to the Dr
and gave to the negro to hand to the
Dr on getting off our horses we found
that they had shoes the here we rem
iounted and turned our horses for
~~home~~ Camp this must have been

about sixteen miles off where we arrived at 4 P.M. our horses were nearly devoured by flys and Mr. B's horse nearly gave out and when at the distance of two miles from Camp he had to dismount and lead his horse we had an early supper and retired early.

Monday 23d. Cloudy and Cool. Mr. S & I took our guns and took a walk up the Creek in pursuit of Birds but found none of any value after going about two miles it commenced raining and we were forced to return and then it rained all day and became quite cool the Thermometer got as low as 68° and we found over coats quite comfortable. Towards evening the old black fellow William went to hunt a Deer and towards dark returned

having shot one he then took a
horse and brought in a fine doe
this created quite an excitement
in Camp being the first Deer obtained
William said that the Irish knew
nothing about a Gun or rifle that all
they were good for was to eat pickled
pork sleep and get the scurvey and
then send for the Doctor during
the night I was seized with diarrhea
Tuesday 24th Rainy clear at 3 oclock P.M
spent the day in Camp and got my things in
order Mr B & I have not spoke a word to day
he having appeared since yesterday rather loth
to answer me when I would ask him ques
tions and several times did not answer me
even when I would repeat the question
so I determined that I would have nothing
more to say to him Our venison we

found very good. The Captain & Lt. W. took observations at night

Wednesday 25th. Clear all day and pleasant in the morning. I took a hunt for birds but obtained none there was nothing remaricable hapened this day

Thursday 26th. Clear all day but cloudy in the evening I obtained specemens of the Sylvicola prothonotarius ♂ & ♀ which I prepared in the afternoon I took a bath we finished the venison one of the men killed a large rattle snake in his Tent.

Friday 27th. Flying clouds in the morning and at 10 A.M. a shower Mr. W & I rode over to the Salt works at the distance of 2½ miles from camp found every thing going to ruin here they have bored to the

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depth of 45 feet and there is a fine stream of salt water rushing out through a log. The lick covers the space of about three acres. on the south side there is a Creek running and ~~on~~ the north side and in spots the salt water rises up impregnated with some kind of gass having a sulphurous smell-from here we ~~went~~ about 1/4 of a mile farther on and we come to the old Union Mission which has been diserted by them it is now occupied by a Mr Knight who married a daughter of old Mr Rodgers. Mr K is from Philad and has now gone to Colafornia to dig Gold the buildings are all going to ruin there has been here a grist & Saw Mill but-

they are falling down. We were but little troubled with Fly's there being a fine wind blowing from the north which made our ride delightfull.

Saturday 28th Clear all day except early in the morning then there was a heavy fog. warm all day. in the morning I took a hunt for birds and by my conce-ling myself in the bushes was en-abeled to obtain a specimen of the Tyrannus Forficatus which proved on dis-section to be a female I remained in these bushes for about two hours but was unable to obtain the male, in the afternoon I skinned them. I also received a note from Mr B. stating that he has placed in my Charge certain provisions for the use

of the sick which of course I shall
have nothing to do with. They plan-
-ted the corner this morning

Sunday July 29th Clear and a fine breeze
a blowing from the south west. ~~Lieut~~
W & I took a ride to the Salt lick and
a description of the saline will be found at the end of book
and to the Old Mission it is here
the Mrs Knight lives that I delivered
she is quite a pretty woman but is in want (of teeth
about three weeks since. I returned
wrote a letter to brother pressed
some plants took a bath and at
sun set a man was despatched
for the Fort. Mr Band one of the
men started to hunt for our next
Camp ground and made preparations
for remaining there all. We could
as well of gone earlier and returned in
the evening for we on our return

told him that the Flys would not trouble him on account of the wind being higt also that we had met none but obstinate like would have his own way and started at sun set although there was a storm rising: at 9 P.M. it commenced blowing most furiously just as I had got in bed and it appeared as if the Tent would blow down and it scattered things in every direction Mr. S & I put on our slippers and walked out and found the fire about the mens tents blowing about ordered them up and to throw water on it at 10 P.M. it commenced raining and it commenced pouring and continued until morning Mr. S & I had not the least inc

lination to sleep and we continued talking until 12 O'clock several times we heard a noise and we would stop and listen I at first thought it was a wolf on listening again I thought perhaps it was Burgess return-ing and we paid no attention to it.

Monday 30th I was awakened this morning at daylight by the Creek which was making a great noise on looking out I found it almost up to the top of the bank. I called all hands I got my things ready to move and after getting breakfast we moved to the top of the hill. It was quite cold in the morning we had fires kindled in front of our Tents at noon it cleared soon after breakfast Burgess and McGrath made their

appearance looking like drownded Rats having received proper punishment for his obstinancy I ordered Mr Grath to change his cloathing immediately and gave him some Whiskey to drink they were forced to swim their horses across one of the Creeks, I. W. & L took a walk in the afternoon down the Creek to the Rocky Bluffs I was unable to obtain any birds.

Tuesday 31st Cloudy until 10 a.m. and cold Thermometer at 5 a.m. 54° I shot three Mitred warblers and prepared them in the afternoon. I was awoke this morning at 3½ O,clock by the man returning from the Fort Whilst I was dreaming about my cousins Mr Van & Mrs Van ~~and~~ some of the Witmers I demanded if he had letters for

me he said yes. I immediately got up and lit a candle and found one of them was from home and the other from Tillie and what is strange the families I was dreaming about were mentioned in her letter.

Wednesday Aug 1st Cloudy & cool in the morning it cleared about noon we got our things packed and moved Camp at 11 o'clock we found but few flys but the Prarie was excessively boggy and the teams got along very slow we came to a halt just after sunset on a small stream about six miles from our old Camp ground Dr. H & Mr. S and their men biviouaced about one mile below us. there were but two or three small trees near but the men managed to get enough to make

fires to cook with we had our Tent pitched and I only removed my boots having leggings and all on went to bed after taking a hearty supper & smoking pipe

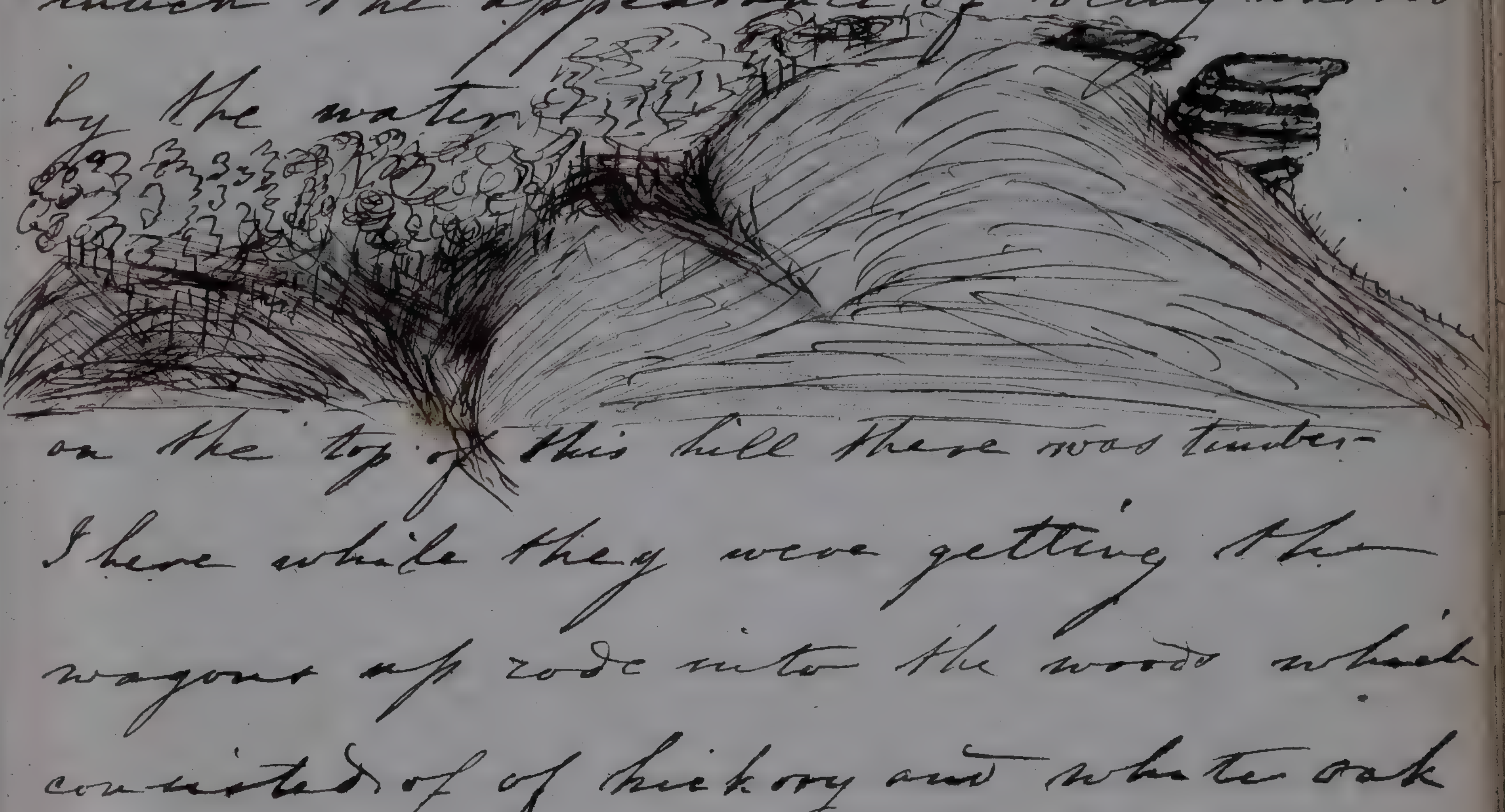
Thursday 2d Clear and hot

rose early ~~got~~ packed up got breakfast and we were detained one yoke of oxen being missing but we left without them I went to Lt W and took Moses along with some provisions then I left him and made a visit to Pennimons mound which is of a peculiar shape and may be seen for miles it presents this appearance from a distance

I rode to the top and half way up on the west side there is a stratta of sandstone rock projecting being about 2 feet thick before arriving here there were stones of the same kind scattered over the

ground next to this there was slate
in thin small pieces then on arriving
at the top it was flat and it had much
the appearance of being paved with
large flat slabs of sand stone
much in this manner here was the
red and white. The view from this mound
was magnificent you could see in every
direction from 10 to 30 miles and follow the
ranges of the principal hills along
which run the Arkansas Verdegris & Grand
there were but one or two scrubby trees
on the ~~side of this hill on~~ ~~[illegible]~~ north
side as I was descending I found num
erous specimens of Iron Ore which much
resembles nodular Iron others the
pipe Ore. I saw from here that the
wagons
had come to a halt and I crossed over
they were in a boggy piece of Prarie

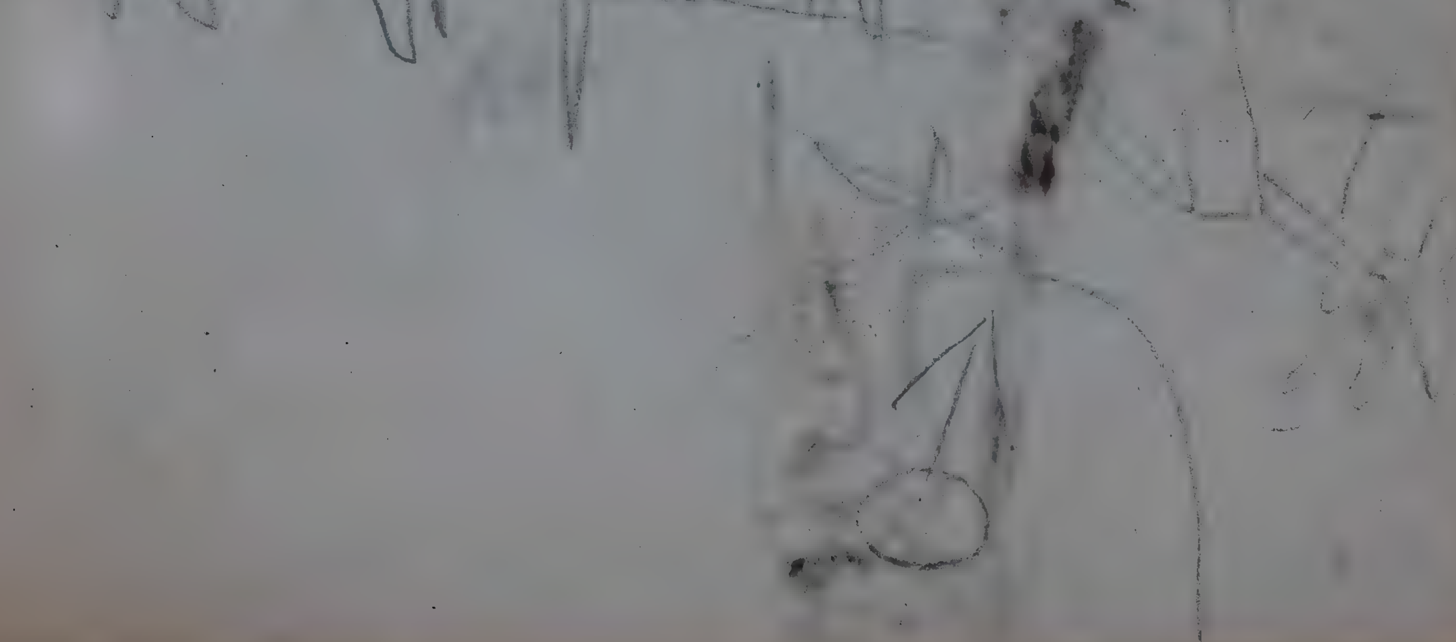
and had to unhitch the oxen and take one wagon at a time over the hill as it was impossible to travel any farther on the prarie this hill pres ented a strange appearance near the top on a bluff side ~~near the top~~ there were masses of red sand stone having much the appearance of being washed by the water

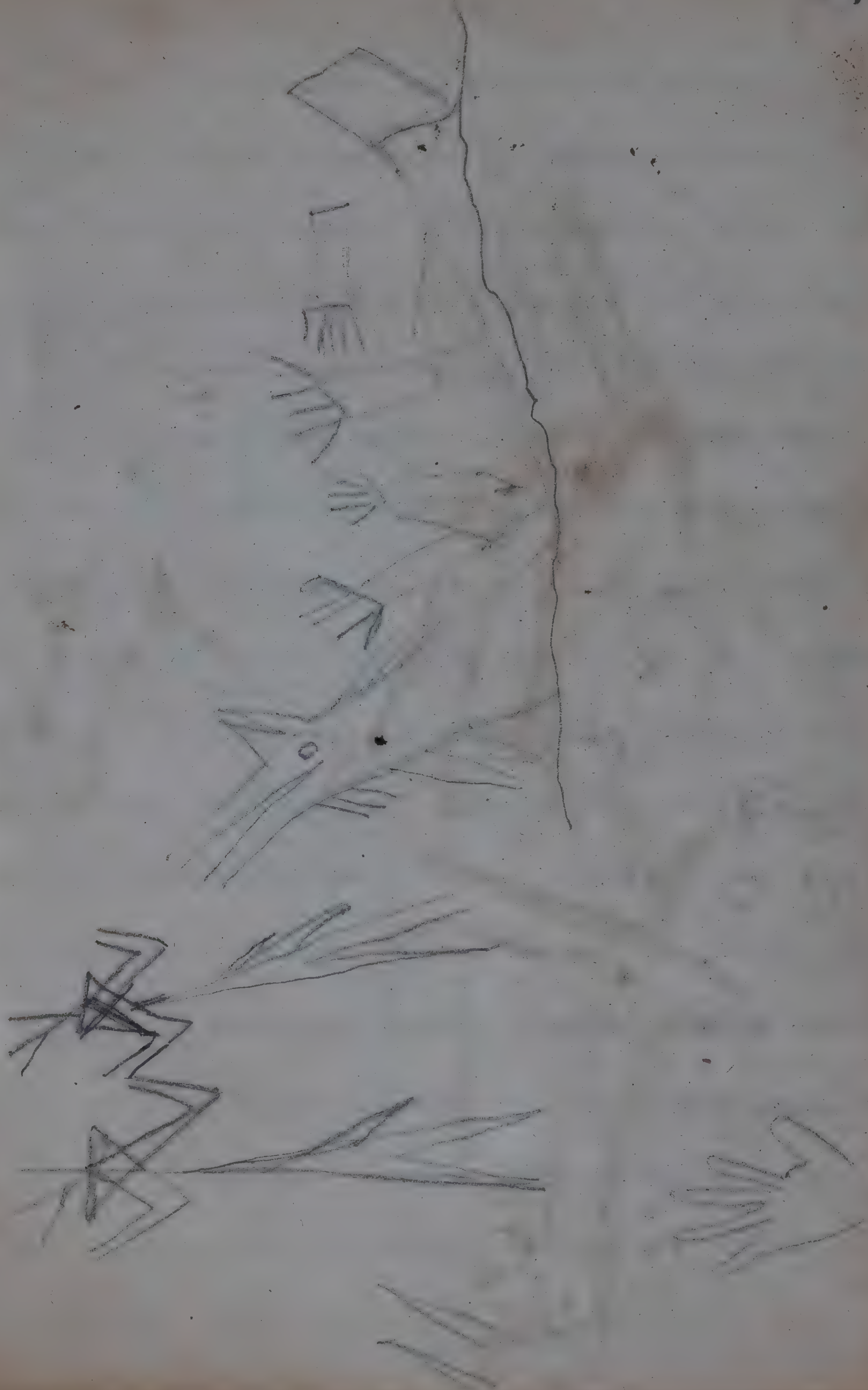


on the top of this hill there was timber there while they were getting the wagons up rode into the woods which consisted of of hickory and white oak very clean having no under groath after riding a short distance came to a ~~small~~ prarie which was on top of the hill and surrounded

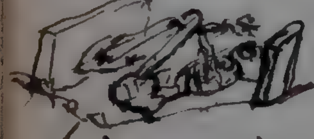
by timber I suppose it contains
about 30 acres on riding into the
woods I found several small streams
of water I returned and reported to
the Captain and he then said he
would fix it for a Camp as the
cattle were tired I then being
hungry got a piece of bread and
ham and made a hasty lunch on
horse back we got our tents pitched
about 1 O'clock in a beautifull spot
being high and dry in a clean piece
of timber near a small stream
of water this is the finest Camp
ground we have been in yet the
rest were to low and damp
after dinner I rode out on the prairie
and found Lt. W and reported the sit
uation of camp and he and the men

returned with me this being 9½ miles
from the corner got every thing in
order and retired early.
Friday 30th Clear & hot Thermometer 85°
Mr S & I took our guns and strolled through
the woods hunting birds I obtained a few
none of which were rare and returned
after dinner prepared them then we
took a walk about 300 yds from Camp
we came to a curious square
This Camp we called Coal ridge Camp





it is from 25 to 30 feet deep the Rock
is of red sand stone some of the stratta
projecting so as to form quite a covering
and has evidently been a great resort
for Indians. here the men seing a
curious pile of stones they were order
ed to pull them by Mr S. and they found
bones on looking at them I discovered
that they were human bones and
had been burnt. they had placed a
head and foot stone about 4 feet apart and laid the body



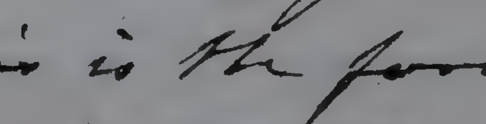
on the side and then set it on
fire in raking about there was a single
blade knife found showing evidently
that they were the remains of a white
man for an Indian would not carry
such a knife. here they had cut
in the sand stone various figures
some of which I have sketched on

the other page also the ravine. there were many hands birds feet &c.

among the sand ~~stone~~ was to be found Iron ore much resembling pipe ore, and at the bottom of this ravine was to be found bituminous Coal some of which contained considerable Iron pyrites: here Mr W E.
took a shower bath under the falls after this we returned to Camp and went to bed as I was retiring Mr R came to me and said he was in error and had been laboring under false impression and gave me his hand and we settled our difficulties satisfactorily.

Saturday 4th Clear & hot Thermometer 88°. Mr B L.d rode over to the Verdegris to hunt a place for ~~the next~~ camp also a ford. we rode to the place where the line is said to cross

line we found a white man living with a black woman and a very large family his name is Childers. he keeps a store deals in peltries with the Indians. here we found the bank perpendicular with a stratta of lime stone. On the western bank it was high steep and muddy with a considerable quantity of timber on both shores very long white oaks & Cotton wood) hickory and small trees of various kinds. here we were directed to a ford about a mile distant but on going could not find it but rode a considerable distance. In one place the prarie extends to the bank of the river and you in riding up to it would suppose that you were coming

to timber but the first thing you
find you are on the brink of a precip
of about 40 or more feet high with a
muddy stream running below at a furious
rate. here the river sometimes rises
to the top of the bank (judging
from the marks on the trees)
from here we cut across the prairie
to Camp. not far from the river
in a very pretty grove I discovered
a scull on the top of a stick and
on looking round found that an
Indian had been placed there under
some logs which very likely had
been disturbed by the wolves. and his skull
had been placed on a stick by some
one passing by this is the form
of the log covering  I found
here his pipe among his bones

Ther 89½°
Sunday 5th Clear & hot in the morning Smith and I stroled through the woods in the afternoon packed our things and got ready to move early in the morning The men brought us some honey having found a bee tree

Monday 6th Clear and hot Ther 87°
I slept but little last night rose at 2 O'clock started before day by the light of the Moon after getting out of the wood the wagons stuck in the bog but by attaching extra oxen they succeded in extricating them we got along slowly and arrived at Mr Johnsons on the Verdegris at 11 O'clock got our tents pitched on a high piece of ground near the house I arrived there first and made acquaintance with the young girls the old people being absent as this was

election day at about 6 Oclock Mr B and I went to get Lt W and men to return to camp on our return night overtook us and it was with great difficulty that we could find our way over some of the small brooks we were nearly devoured by the musquetoes Lt W & Mr S horse's gave out and they left them on the ~~road~~ ~~we~~ got our suppers and were soon in bed being much fatigued

Tuesday 7th I was awoke this morning by the rain coming down in torrents I jumped out of bed having left my saddle with the holster pistols ~~out~~ of ~~the~~ tent I found it rather cool ~~and~~ after getting my feet clean I got in bed taking with me an

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old news paper and amused my
self looking over it. we remained
in bed until 8½ O'clock it being
so rainy that Moses could not get
breakfast early and our Tent not
having been ditched ~~much~~ water
found its way in it cleared off at 10 O'clo
I remained about camp & made a visit
to Indian girls found them busy
weaving carding & spinning Cotton
things were clean one of the Girls
had a child 2 years old with Chroni
intermittent Fever having an enlarg
spleen this one was married and her
name was Mary Rattlegourd I prescribed
for her child. the other girls names
were Betsy or Chionka, Peggy & Juka Wiska they
sent us vegetables Tomatoes & beans
I spent some time in the afternoon

talking to Betsy while she was sewing after tea in the evening Smith & I went to the house saw there Tom Rattlegood Young Johnson. we smoked with them and then returned to camp. and retired

Wednesday 8th Clear & hot Ther 78°
The men made rafts I walked out with my gun but could not obtain any birds. Mr B purchased a fine fat steer of Johnson at 2½ cts per pound dressed. and we had a fine dinner it consisted of roast beef (surloin) tomatoes in various forms string beens &c. we had a shower towards evening

Thursday 9th Cloudy and some rain in the morning clear in the afternoon in the morning I took a walk to the

river accompanied by Lt. W & Mr B. I took my gun along but shot nothing. found the river high. they launched the launched the small rafts but were unable to cross with them the current being too rapid. the men commenced in the afternoon building two canoes

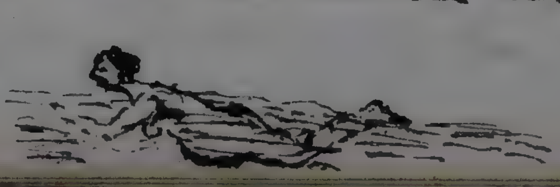
Friday 10th Clear Ther 64° at 6 A M 85° P M in the morning Lt. W. Mr S & I with my gun took a walk out into the Prarie and then down to the Verdegris and returned through the woods & bushes to Camp much fatigued and nearly devoured by the musquetoes as usual finding no birds spent the afternoon in camp

Saturday 11th Clear & hot Ther 89° In the morning Mr S. Lt W & I took a walk to Rido

Fields about one mile from Camp
the family were not there but
we were entertained by a Mr ~~Fields~~ Hendricks
and his wife both half breeds they
were cutting and drying peaches
which were very fine and we were
invited to help our selves we returned
to camp without seeing any thing to shoot
in the afternoon Capt W and I took a walk
to the River to look at the men making
the Canoes. and Mr S and I took a
stroll up the River to see a party of
Creeks cross. They consisted of eight
women seven men one boy and a little
child with about twenty miserable
starved dogs being crosses of all kinds
and of various sizes. The men took
off their shirts and had nothing on
but clouts two of them got in a

canoe one paddled and the other led the horse whilst he swam over and they came back and so on until they got all their horses across one of the women in the mean time slipped all off but a scirt and swam after them this several of them did. They then loaded their plunder and took the remainder of the women and some of the puppies across. One of the young women (and a tolerable good looking one she was) after slipping off her frock (which was very dirty) & waded in the water occasionally eyeing us she then got along side of the canoe ~~getting along~~ her scirt over one shoulder she gave it a toss into the canoe and as quick as lightning dove in the water. I do not know

when I have seen any thing so neatly done she had a fine figure but not a pretty face and was much improved by her loosening her dirty covering the ladies on the opposite shore turned her back towards us and put on her covering. The oldest woman amongst them swam over and amused herself when part way across playing with the boy. The rest of the women I can not say much for their appearance The men were well made and fine looking fellows. We returned to camp and I found nothing to shoot. These women ~~Sunday 12th~~ have a curious way of swimming striking the water with both ~~feet~~ of their feet at the same time making a noise similar to the paddles of a steam boat. The men swim like other persons

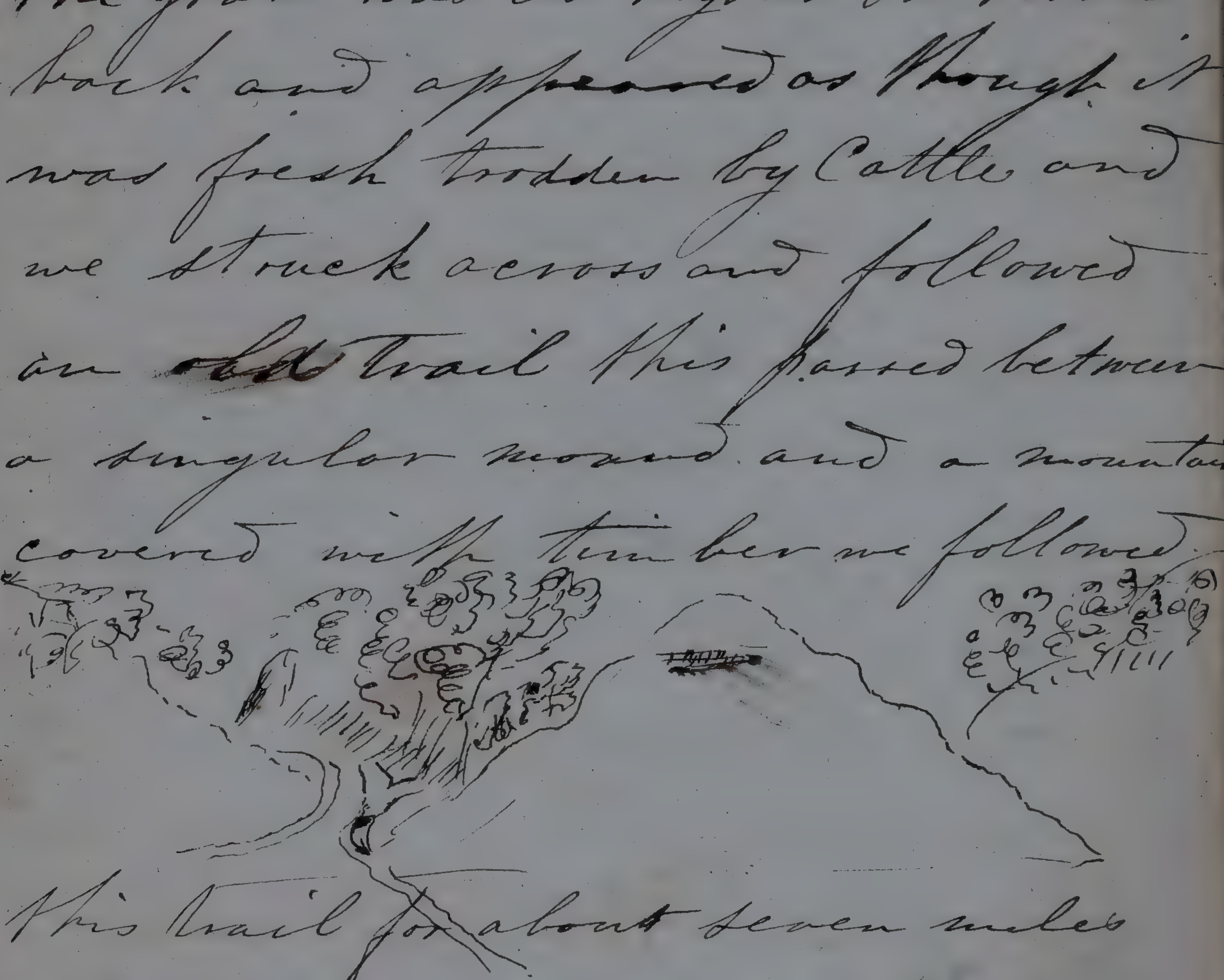


Sunday 12th Clear Ther 96° at noon but there was a fine breeze blowing from the south west. Lt W. Mr B. Mr S & I took a walk to Hendricks and helped ourselves to peaches. In the afternoon we had a visit from Miss Chicco, Wicko, Julia Ann & the old woman Johnson the two latter did not stay long they each took their glass of toddy and we made ourselves as agreeable as possible

Monday 13th Clear Ther 94° in the sun it rose to 127° as high as it could. a keg of whiskey that we had in front of the Tent commenced boiling there was but little air stirring. I wrote to Aunt Harriett and we dispatched our letters by Miss Wicka to the Fort

Tuesday 14th Clear Ther 85° Lieut Ward started for Capt Hickses after crossing the creek 1½ miles from Camp we

followed the trail directed. but finding it so indistinct we came to the conclusion that it was nothing more than a Cattle trail the grass was as high as the horses back and appeared as though it was fresh trodden by Cattle and we struck across and followed an ~~old~~ trail this passed between a singular mound and a mountain covered with timber we followed



this trail for about seven miles and ascended a high hill which was covered with red sand stone & Iron ore. at the top was the residence of an Indian by the name of Davidson

with a large field of fine Corn
The house being shut up and no
one at home we come to the con-
-clusion to ride on & at the same
time telling Mr. H that we were to look
for Mr. Hickses but we thought we
would ride until we struck another
house. after going one mile father on
we come to a mound to the top of which
I rode I found it covered with limestone
four miles from this place we struck
the dwelling of a half breed with an
Indian wife he had some fine horses
and cattle but at the same time was
living under a shed we demanded of

them the road to Mr. H
and he told us that we had come
out of our way and that it was six
miles from there we then

asked him if he could give us something to eat and he said he was out of every thing but milk of this we had each a bowl and we then took the back track and arrived there in an hour and a quarter. The house was an old shanty and wanted much repairing

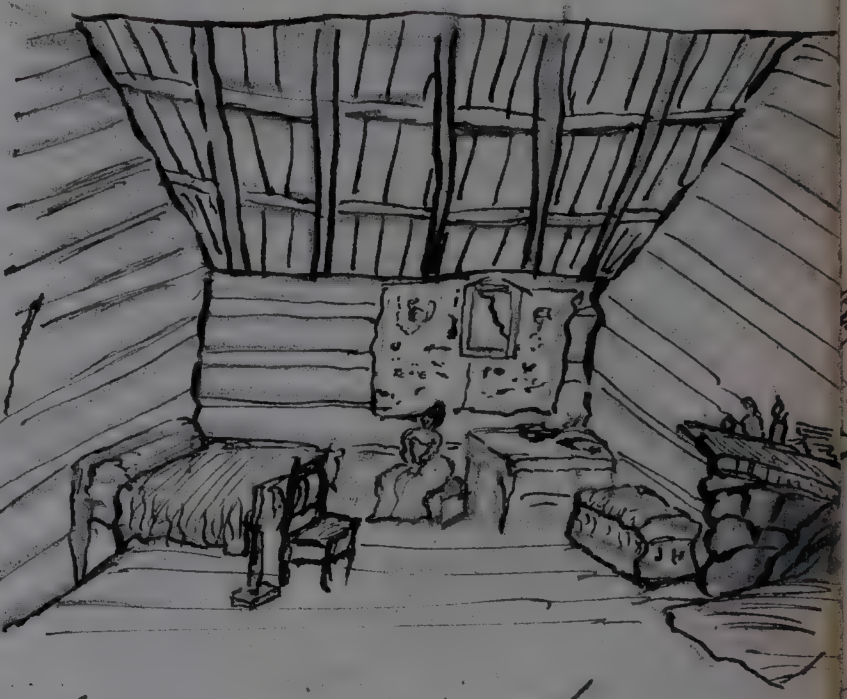
We hitched our horses to the fence and we were invited into the house by the old lady who was quite polite and in one corner of the room seated on a leather trunk with a canvas cover sat her daughter Jane or Cato the flower of the Verdegris as the

is called and I think not without reason she is a perfect beauty a lady without non foolish airs so common among young girls after leaving boarding school. She did not look as if she belonged in such a Cabin she was neatly dressed in a plain check Calico dress her hair was jet black and dressed in the neatest manner she is a brunette and of the Grecian style eyes black and large with a beautifull brow high fore head regular nose small mouth with beautiful regular white teeth. her feet and ancles I could not get a good look at her dress being long. figure good. she made herself quite agreeable, we left at 5 O'clock before leaving the old lady gave us some tomatas which we stowed away in

our pocket handkerchiefs and we were
forced to walk our horses and arrived
in Camp at dark. Gave them a glowing
description under the excitement smoked
three pipes of Tobacco and retired to bed
I was restless all night dreamed much
Wednesday 15th Clear Ther. 91½. Mr St.
made up our minds to pay Calato a visit
and it was ten O'Clock before we could
get the horses they having hid themselves
in the bushes. we arrived there in
an hour and a half and the perspira
-tion roled off both of us The old lady
was the first to greet us invited us
in and was glad to see us asked us
to be seated and offered us fans in
a short time the charming Calato made
her appearance looking so lovely
that it would be almost difficult

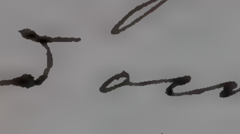
for me to describe her. she was dres
-ied in a neat crossed barred pink and
white lawn dress without any other
orniment except a daguerreotype breastpin
she needed none for she ~~was~~ would be an orniment
to a palace. I introduced Mr S and must
confess somewhat confused. we chatted
and talked for some time we were then
asked into dinner. Calato did not
eat dinner with us for what reason
I do not know there was at table the
old lady her young son and ourselves.
we enjoyed our meal and then retired
to the room where we were before
but Calato was not there. I took a
glance round the room in three of the
corners were long double beadsteads
of a rude kind but the cloathing was
very neat & clean on the east side of

the room was a large fire place just above it in the corner was a small pine table and on each side a trunk on the north side of this room over the table was ~~hung~~ pinned to the wall a pictorial brother Jonathan July 4th 49 and a small looking glass. in a few minutes she entered looking as charming as ever then came the old lady she sent



for the next oldest daughter her name is Mary and looks much like a country girl in her behaviour also her two small brothers are nile behaved fine little fellows so is also her youngest sister. Time flew fast ~~and~~ had it not been for a thunder storm coming on it

would have been night before we
would have started as it was it was
six & 1/2 O'clock before we left
and we drew off our hats in the
most gracefull manner as we parted
the wind blew furiously and I am
sorry to say Calato got some of the
dust in her eyes ~~we~~ were at Camp
in an hour and a quarter after leaving
the storm following us made us hurry
but it was all wind and no rain
Thursday 14th Clear Ther 92° packed
our things and struck the Tents
and started for the river. the most
of the wagons and things were
moved across the river yesterday
we got to the river at 10 a.m. the
things were got over in the two Canoes
which were placed about three feet



apart the horses & mules were taken across having to wade [swim] but a short distance. The wagons were run with their wheels in each canoe and they were taken across by a rope streched across the river. we passed through a thick swampy piece of woods for the distance of two miles when we struck a very steep high hill which was ascended with considerable defficulty Mr. S & I rode ahead to Tom Rattlinground's and helped ourselves to peaches and they would make us eat some dinner their bread was made of new corn they had sweet potatoes stewed peaches salt pork & a drink made of hominy. we passed along a high ridge covered with post oaks and arrived at the Creek town called Chehauha

at 4 O'clock This is a large town exten-ding many miles their houses are at some distance apart and the most of them not very comfortable they are situated on the highest ground so that they may see round the country for miles The people are dirty and are far below the Cherokees. there are many of the Seminoles amongst them They are real Indians most of the men go about in their shirt tailes and britch clout. we encamped on the edge of the prarie near the trail leading to Childers's and it was quite late when we got our things fixed.

Friday 17th Ther 92° Clear. The Captain and I rode to the river through a large swamp and thicket it is about one mile from camp we crossed in

a canoe there had been rain up the country as the river had risen 10 feet dur-ing the night. many of the Indians loafed about camp to-day. One of them applied to me for relief he having hemorrhage from the lungs. I examined him and found both lungs affected. gave him some medicine

Saturday 18th Clear Ther 91½° since we have been here we have had fine southerly breezes. in the morning Mr B & I took a walk through the Creek town taking our guns with us but we found nothing to shoot in returning we caught two young Seminole girls bathing in a small stream they soon slipped on their dirty duds. I returned with a voracious appetite and did justice to my dinner after which Lieut W & I took

a ride to find about the direction of the line, we found some good peaches and returned to Camp and came to the conclusion that the line would strike about 1½ miles below the Camp. in the evening we took a bath.

Sunday 19th. Clear Ther 89° at noon it then commenced falling and become quite cool wind changed from South to the north & become cloudy S^t. W, M^r. Sbd rode about five miles from Camp to a mans by the name of Perrimans his house is one of the best that I have seen in this Country. we found him seated in a rocking Chair on the piaza he was a tall man about 6 feet high very dark with a long straight nose black mustache he showed evidently that he had considerable negro blood in him. he was dressed in a blue and White cotton hunting shirt with a blue and red fringe with a turban

on his head. his pants were black & white Cassimere with straps and bare footed. his air was a commanding one he rose and presented his hand and asked us to be seated reserving the rocking Chair himself he told us that he had 15 children and they were there running about of all sizes. he is a man not over fourty years old if that. he had numerous negro slaves and a fine peach orchard. the country we passed over was covered with post Oaks the stone was the red sand stone numerous springs having a strong deposit of Iron near Pennimans lime stone made its appearance

Monday 20th Cloudy Ther 64° at 5 A, M. Clear at 10 a.m. Ther at 2 P.M. 83° Mr B & I went to hunt a place for our next camp. returned and I wrote to Tillie

Tuesday 21st Clear Ther 92° I wrote Fannie S. & Tom prepared a Hawk B. hyemalis nothing remarkable hapened this day

Wednesday 22d Clear Ther. 91½° packed our things and moved camp in the timber on the edge of the prairie about 2 miles off this is a beautifull situation comman-ding a fine view of the Prarie to the north and west. I packed my collection and sent it to the Fort Mr B and the wagons left at 3 O'clock P.M. Lieut W Mr S & I accompanied them about 2 miles

Thursday 23d Clear Ther 93° Remained in camp in the morning in the afternoon took a ride and followed the ridge north of us to the Verdegris which takes a westerly direction this ridge which is covered with post Oak timber terminates at by a high bluff from 40 to 50 feet

perpendicular here there is a strata of rock the first of is red sand stone mixed with gray then corb of Lime and Iron. here I obtained some fossil shells

Friday 24th Clear Ther 93½° in the morning I rode to the ravine near the Verdegris to obtain fossils I struck a different ravine from yesterday here about 10 feet from the surface was a red and gray sand stone mixed. ~~then~~ then lime stone mixed with Iron and fossils which I take to be ~~Coral~~ encrinites this strata is about 6 inches thick then come large pins from ½ to 1 inch in diameter and of various lengths from 2 to 8 inches long. in
took my gun with me but found nothing to shoot
the afternoon Lt W McD & I started for Johnsons crossed the river but in attempting to land my pony

swamped in the mud up to his belly and
I was forced to alight and cut a stick to
flog him with which proved effectual
I then took off my clothes placed my
drawers in my hat my shoes and stockings
inside of my leggings and them around
my neck then tucked my shirts up
and strapped them under my arms
clapped my spurs on my heels and
mounted Indian fashion and returned
to Camp.
Saturday 25th Clear Ther 94½° S.W. Mr S
& I went to Rattlegourds in the afternoon
after eating as many peaches as we
wanted we started for the ravine
to hunt fossils Mr S rode back to
camp.
Sunday 26th Clear in the morning
at 12 m the wind commenced blowing

from the north and it become quite chilly & cloudy. Ther fell to 83° at 2 P.M. at 7 P.M. 71°. Lt W and I took a ride to the Verdegris in the morning in the afternoon we made a visit to a Creek house and got some peaches

Monday 27th Cloud cool Ther at 5 A.M. 56° Lt W Mr S & I started at 8 A.M. for Hickory forded the Verdegris about two and a half miles from Camp here there is a consid-erable ~~ford~~ fall and rapids below which we crossed we then followed a trail but it terminated at a large Lake and fflowed another which terminated at at a small outlet which I attempted to cross and my horse bogged and I was forced to dis mount in the mud we then rode about for some time and after going about two miles

~~brownfield is the road up to his letty~~
~~and I was forced to alight and cut a~~
and spending two ~~hours~~ we found
an outlet we then wound about
for some time and arrived at Hickins
at 1 O'clock and saw all the family
and took dinner with them. we found
there an Osage warrior he was
a fine looking fellow. there were
also two Kicapoo women rigged out
in great style. After dinner I had
an aggreable tete a tete with the
lovely Caloto she was engauged
weaving ~~the~~ braid for Cherokee ~~scarfs~~ sashes
while we were enjoying our tete a tete
we were interupted by the entrance
of Mr. S. we left there at 5 O'clock
before however leaving Miss Caloto
invited us to take ~~some~~ peaches

and cream which was quite a treat after shaking them all by the hands I bid them farewell and touched my bever in the most polite manner and rode off. After riding five miles my pony gave out and I was forced to dismount and drive him and the sun had set by the time we arrived at timber we concluded the best plan was for us to remain there all night and start early the next morning and then I would have a chance to get my pony into Camp after hitching our horses we commenced carrying old wood from the swamp. The place we selected was a grove on a slight elevation of Prarie. After getting a good fire we made a tent by means of some stake

and our horse blankets
then cut some long grass
with which we
covered the floor then made pillows of our
saddles ~~and~~ we were soon asleep we kept
up a fine fire all night each one awak-
ing put on wood. Tuesday 28th Clear Ther 5½ a.m. 56° 2 P.m. 81° At daylight we saddled
our horses and started and arrived in
camp at 8 o'clock. we were delayed
by loosing the trail in the woods
which was quite indistinct.
~~Tuesday~~ Mr B with the wagon train
returned from the Fort before dinner
and brought me a letter from Aunt
and many papers from the Fort
seven men and an extra mule team
Wednesday 29th Clear Ther 85° nothing
of interest occurred to day took a bath in the evening
Thursday 30th The wind during the
night blew furiously from the

north and towards morning rained this stopped about 7 A.M. very cold Ther. 69° at 2 P.M. Mr. B Lieut W & I rode off to hunt a place for our next camp in crossing one of the mounds I found some stones much resembling lava on other parts of the Prairie there was Limestone similar to that found east of the Verdigris made my dinner off Grous we have had plenty of them for several days past they were shot by Shultz
Friday 31st Cloudy and cool nearly all day This morning at breakfast quite an amusing scene occurred.

Scene 1st

Capt. S. Lieut W sitting opposite each other Mr. B & myself with Mr. S opposite us. The breakfast consisted of broiled Grouse Tomatoes stewed and raw

Corn bread wheat roles Coffee & Tea. Enter Donnahue the hostler in great haste traveling much like a man with piles in a great hurry at the same time half smiling

Donnahue (Adressing Mr B) The sorrel horse is in the branch and I'l have to have some hands to help me get him out.

Lieut W. (Throwing up his arms) Arouse the camp

Donnahue (Turning round in great haste and going ~~round~~ towards the men) All hands a hoy

Capt S (Turning round and in an angry manner) ~~Now~~ Donnahue two men are sufficient.

Lieut W & Mr B convulsed with laug:

ter attracted the attention of Lt. S
who was busily engaged gnawing
one of the legs of the Grouse and
when he saw Dounohue dropped
his bone and all except the Captain
were cracking their sides with laugh
ter. Doctor Fine fun Cap
Captain (With much contempt) Fun
Dounohue starts in great haste
with three men. and in the mean
time there was considerable discussion
at the table with regard to the merits
of Proud Bill. for that was the name
this animal was known by he was
the horse appropriated to the use of Lieut W
and when we left the fort was quite
a good looking animal but now
alas poor Bill is but a walking
skeleton his loss of flesh is attrib

ated to a Catamount and Ox hunt from which he has never recovered and now affords much amusement to all the Camp. his hip bones stick up so high that Lieut W often makes use of them ~~for hang~~ ~~ing up his hat and~~ on his bathing excursions ~~make use of these points~~ to hang his clothes & hat on. ~~Lieut~~ Lieut W has this animal brought up every day and stands by to see that he is well groomed.

Scene 2^d

Crow one of the men ~~one of the~~ ~~men~~ that left returns in haste ~~and~~ takes off all hands ~~and~~ off they go over the Prairie hopping ~~and~~ laughing, running & now and then upsetting each other

They then soon return with the

horse. he had evidently during the night ~~slipped~~ in crossing the branch slipped and was too weak to regain his footing.

Scene 3d.

Breakfast finished and pipes lit. Lieut W. B M.r S & myself start to look at Proud Bill found him wet and swolen one of his eyes completely bunged ~~up~~ returned again to our Tents and made preparations to start to see the lovely Caloto. Scene 4th

Lieut W. Mr B & myself mount our horses and start stopping as we passed to hear the report of Dr Round as to the condition of Proud Bill he having made an examination reports.

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Tom Rounds (adressing Lieut W) He is doing fine I have just finished cleaning his yard he has since made water it is clear and has been blowing out considerable wind.

Lieut W. (Calling Donnahue) Donnahue

Donnahue (Appearing) Sir

Lieut W. Give that horse a good cleaning.

Lieut W. Mr B & myself rode off we ~~took~~ the trail leading to Johnsons ford and arrived at their house ~~at~~ about one hour and a half saw all hands and amongst the the horse thief Sam this was displaying a fine hunting rope and some other articles evidently purchased by his last

horse speculation. The old woman called and told me how to prepare corn for winter this she did by boiling the green corn and then dry it and stow it away for winter. Then they boil it again or cook it with fat. We arrived at Hick's at noon the old gentleman had gone to Grand River found Calato more lovely than ever we took dinner with them left at 3 O'clock and got back to camp at 6 P.M. after stopping on the road 25 minutes at supper the beauty and good qualities of the charming Calato were discussed and the Capt ain was led astray and came to the conclusion that she was nothing more than an ordinary girl W.B & I retired at 10 P.M.

Saturday Sept 1st Clear Ther at 6 a.m. 52° at 3 P.M. 84° spent most of the day in Camp we were visited in the morning by Chiouka & Wiko Johnson they brought us some Tomatoes and butter and dined with us. At 4 P.M. Lieut W McC. B.S C.S. rode to the Verdagris and took a bath which was delightfull.

Sunday 2d Clear Ther 84° spent the day in Camp nothing of interest occurred I wrote a letter to Aunt.

Monday 3d Clear until noon then it commenced getting cloudy and the wind blowing from the north a few drops of rain fell Clear at 3 P.M. & warm Ther 77° I wrote to Dr. Arrott

Tuesday 4th Clear Ther 88° moved Camp left about 9 1/2 O'clock and encamped about 5 miles distant on the western

bluff of the Bushy head branch of Verdegris to get here we had to take a round about course of about 3 miles owing to the steep and rocky banks of this creek. The situation of our Camp is a very pleasant one being about 45 or 50 feet above the Creek and having a fine view of the Prarie. Themens Camp is in a small grove of Oaks and ours in one opposite about 50 yards off with the wagons between. it is about 1/4 of a mile south of the line. The ground is here covered with small fragments of stone filled with fossils it much resembles Lime stone there is a strotta of some thickness beneath the surface. Here growing among these stones I found a curious Thistle of a purple colour. We all had our dinner and Tea together making but one meal of both.

Wednesday 5th Clear Ther 90° At 5 PM it commenced raining heavily and was attended with much Thunder & Lightning In the morning I took my gun and followed the Creek for some distance in discending the hill and not far from our Tents and about 5 feet from the surface we found bituminous Coal this is beneath the Limestone. after leaving the Creek I struck off across the Praire in a north westerly direction and climbed to the top of a high mound about half way up which I struck on strata of grey Sand stone and above this Limestone similar to that which is found on the Praire about here. from the top I had a magnificent view of the surrounding country in some directions I suppose I could see 30 miles

I followed this ridge ~~several~~ a long distance not having found any thing to shoot and one of my barrels having ~~had~~ a load in it for several days I fired it in the air and it bursted doing no other harm than scorching my thumb and fore finger a little they being over the place where it bursted I then returned to camp much fatigued after walking several miles through the high grass The musquetoes were very bad and we retired early.

Thursday 6th Clear Ther 74° at 2 P.M. We got our things packed and moved camp the wagons started at half past eight The Horses ~~being~~ ~~missing~~ the Captain and I remained ~~until~~ they were found we left at 11 A.M and arrived at our present camp in a piece of timber

on a large Creek this is eight miles distant from the old Camp. Over the prarie we passed to day the Limestone such as we left at the last Camp made its appearance every now and then most of the streams are dry.

Friday 7th

Clear Ther at 6 am 52° at 2 P.M. 83°

~~near this camp there is bitumenous coal of an excellent qual.~~

In the morning I took a walk and made a collection of plants and pressed them took another to a Creek house about one mile from Camp found here fine Corn eat a portion of water mellon then returned by the Creek which I found very crooked and collected a variety of shells. On my return I found Miss Polly Tuts & her brother come after her stolen pony and after her we named this Camp in honour of their visit I found nothing worth shooting

Saturday 8th Clear Ther 81° We left Camp Tutt at 8 o'clock and encamped in the Prarie on a small stream about four miles off We arrived here at 12 o'clock in crossing the creek on which we are encamped the tongue of one of the wagons broke and it became necessary for us to come to a halt There are a few scattering trees on this stream and we have our Tents pitched under the shade of some of them on the bank of the Creek which is about eight feet high. I have been troubled all day with dyspepsia. Shultz shot a large fawn and Mr. S a Grouse so that we have again commenced living on game in the evening Mr. S & I took a bath. about one mile to the east of this Camp there is bituminous Coal of an excellent quality

Sunday 9th Clear Ther 80 collected and dried some plants took a walk of several miles in the afternoon with Lieut W. on the Prarie

Monday 10th Clear Ther 83° moved camp to John Smiths in a creek town near the Arkansas. We started at 8 o'clock A.M. and passed over a beautifull country The Instrument wagon upset twice the first time in a creek and our things were much wet we arrived at the present place which is about eight miles from our old camp at 1 o'clock Our Camp is situated on top of a high hill on a cattle stamp next to a cornfield. The water we get from a spring which is about 1/4 of a mile distant. In the evening Lieut W.

and I took a walk. Our attention was attracted by a brilliant meteor in a north east direction it appeared quite near, we returned to Camp and went to bed some Indians passed with their horses loaded with buck eye root which they said was to poison fish in the Verdigris

Tuesday 11th Ther 84° Clear in the morning I over hauled my things that got wet yesterday by the wagons upsetting my collection of shells and were wet and mixed so that I had to overhaul them and wrap them over In the afternoon I a stroll with my gun but found nothing to shoot

Wednesday 12 Clear Ther 82° Captain and I took a ride to hunt a place for our next Camp rode about 3 miles and a half found a road leading most of the way suitable for a wagon. Moses traded Proud Bill to a Creek Indian for an

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Comanche pony in the afternoon I overhauled my collection of Plants and we dined at 5 O'clock off Roast wild turkey which we bought from an Indian 3 for .50 cents in the even-ing Lieut W Mr S & made a visit to Mr John Smiths & from there we went to see the Miss Fields.

Thursday 13th Ther 82° Clear. I shouldered my gun and took the Dogs and walked to the Ark-ansas River This I found very low and more than half of the River dry the bottom con-sists of white sand much resem-bling the sea shore only it was much more solid which I supposed was caused by its being intermixed with clay. On my return my atten

tion was attracted by the old dog
he having found something in an
old hollow tree lying on the ground
I commenced poking in it with a
stick and I found the animal comm-
enced growling then on looking in
I found it was an Opossum then I renew
ed my punching for some time holding
the dog with my other hand he find-
ing his situation very uncomfortable
rushed out when the Dogs seized him.
I walked several miles but found
nothing worth shooting and retur-
ned to Camp at noon. There was an
Osage stoped here this afternoon he was
not troubled much with cloathing
having nothing on but a breech clout
his hair was cut close to his scull
excepting a scalp lock. and was painted

with Vermilion his ears were slit and filled with beads. From signs he made me he gave me to understand that there were a great many of them crossing the Red fork and that they were on their way hunting Buffalo he wanted some paint. In the evening Mr W & I took a bath I ~~w~~

Friday 14th Clear Ther 87° In the morning we were visited by a party of Osages They consisted of Men Women & Children with their pack mules Buffalo horses they said that they were on their way to ~~visit~~ meet the rest of their tribe and then to hunt the Buffalo their idea for scattering was to trade and make provision for winter two of them encamped

near our Camp this night. They had two children a boy about 6 years old and an Infant They were very curious examining every thing and then begging wanting every thing they laid their eyes on. In the afternoon Mr B & I started to go to a barbacue at the Creek Town called Cornsater on the other side of the Arkansas about five miles off. We followed the trail to the river where they were in the habit of fording & got along without much difficulty until we got to the opposite shore although the water was about four feet ~~deep~~ in some places. The bottom of the River was very uneven on the opposite side as we were about getting out of the water.

Mr Brown ahead of me and the water about one foot deep. his horse suddenly sunk and I thought he had got into a deep hole he immediately dismounted and his horse commenced groaning and it proved to be quick sand and it was with great diffi-culty that he extricated him he sunk several times but at last got on firm bottom I being behind was more fortunate and got my pony out without his sinking by means of walking ahead. We then rode over a Prairie for the distance of about one and a half miles when we entered the timber and followed over some Rocky hills of Lime stone. on the trail we met some Creeks ~~and~~ endeavoured

by means of signs to ask them
and it was some time before we
made them understand from one
of them I purchased a buckskin
for 25 cents. one of them led us to
the spot where they were assembled
there there were a party of Creeks
men women and children assembled
The women were by themselves eating
the men having finished. one
portion of the young men were
playing Cards. and the little boys
were playing ball and one of
the men teaching them. One of
them walked up to us and asked
us to dismount and eat with
them which we did. They had
under which there had been a large fire
on one side a scaffold on which
there was placed a beef cut

in pieces and roasted. We seated ourselves on a log and then one of the squaws brought the leg bone with a quantity of meat on it and place it on some leaves on the ground before us and a plate with some good corn bread. This beef was very fine and fat and we both enjoyed it. We then took a smoke with them and looked at the little fellows playing ball. They were not well dressed and they had evidently been practising among themselves games at ball. here there was an old man with hemiplegia. It was getting late and we bid them farewell and they tried to persuade us to stay as they were going to have a dance but we did not like to encounter

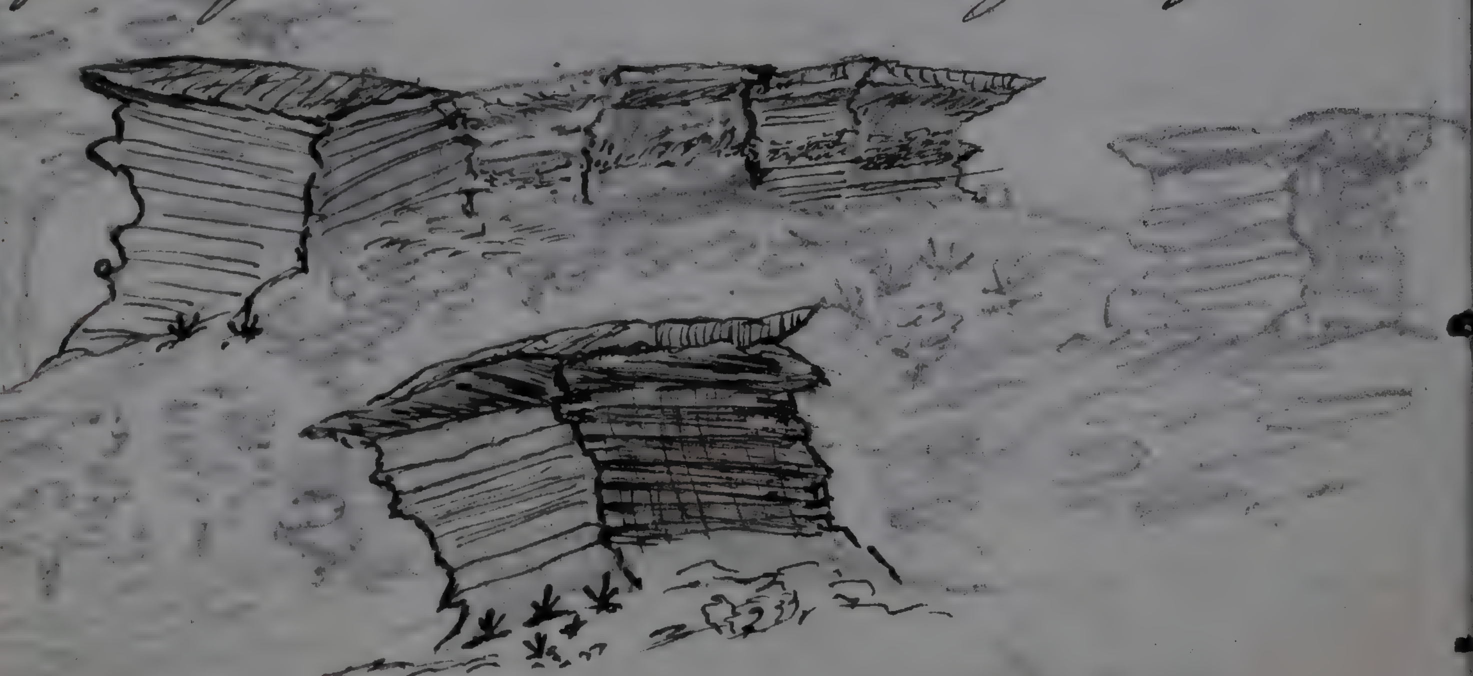
the river in the night. Just as ~~we were~~ leaving two Indians rode up ~~on~~ ~~proud~~ Pit we rode back and crossed the river without much diffiiculty with the exception of wet legs. just as we got on the opposite bank of the river we met Mr S. and Mr Fields coming and while we were talking up rode his four brothers and two sisters they were on the road to the dance and we tried to persuade them to return telling them the difficulties we encountered but they said that they were not afraid and tried persuad us to return. And this I would have done but I did not like to be absent from Camp all night. The girls tried their best to persuade us and it was with the greatest difficulty that I resisted

They were all well mounted and the girls looked quite enticing they were well dressed. one of them was on a handsome sorrel horse, with a light coloured frock, and a pink silk handkerchief, round her neck. She was without any covering round her head her hair ~~was neatly~~ ~~dressed~~ jet black and shiny with a few straggling hairs hanging over her cheek that had been displaced while riding her eyes black, and features good, she looked quite enticing after chatting with them some time we gave them the corse they were to go bidding them good evening they started but the boys that took the ~~lead~~ did not go where we directed them and when they got on the opposite shore they encountered the quick ~~sand~~

the girls however escaped but they got into the deep water and must have got wet when we saw them all safely landed we gave three cheers and they all called on us to come over they then whooped and we answered them in the same was and started our horses off at full speed and we soon found ourselves in Camp. We then helped ourselves to Wild Turkey & Coffee smoked our pipes and retired. I wrote to Aunt Narnott & Sallie Roberts

Saturday 15th Ther 88° We packed our things and moved Camp about three miles and a half distance on the road leading to the Red fork our Tents we pitched under some fine trees on the edge of a small Prairie. This is at a Cherokees by the name of Chicken Cock. The Osage ~~are at~~ encamped near the spring

I tried to trade with a Osage for a Buffalo
skin but he was out in the want of the
articles he wanted he asked for powder
and ball or strouding for the women and
blankets- They had much difficulty
in crossing a small stream having
to cut away the banks. I left them
and struck across the hills and
as I ascended them found much
lime stone and on the top it pres
ented a strange appearance looking
at a short distance much like an
old fortification and when you got near



they looked as though they had been raised up out of the earth. they were of all sizes and were only on top of the hills. The Osages hung round our Camp and wanted every thing they had their eyes on. They found out that I was the Doctor and one of them asked me by means of signs if I would vaccinate them as many of their Tribe had died with Small Pox. I told him that I would tomorrow morning at ten Oclock. This I did by means of signs. he told me that about that time they were going to leave. he left and shortly after we paid their Camp a visit. they had their packs nicely arranged and piled on top of each other on one side of their Camp and bowers formed of young saplings on the ground they had Buffalo skins

spread on some of which there was Corn which the women were shelling some of them were pounding Corn others gathering wood and an old woman nursing the children there was but two of the men there and they were smoking. The Children were naked and running about in every direction the women would walk over the Corn with their dirty feet so would also the dogs and when the women would lay down the pounder that she was grinding the Corn with, they would lick the meal off it. They all looked dirty. One of the women had twins about a year old they were girls. In a large brass kettle they were boiling dried Buffalo meat and Corn. We seated ourselves with one of the Indians on a skin gave

him some Tobacco and commenced smo-
-king and talking. he asked us whether
we were going to the hunting ground
and said that when we got out there
they would cut our throats becaus
we had not treated them better. That
when they asked for Tobacco we only
gave them a pinch a little piece
and that they wanted a piece as long
as their arm. We laughed at him and
told him that we were all armed with
rifles and that we would shoot them
if they attacked and also told him
that the Dragoons from the Fort would
come to our assistance Then he
gave us to understand that they
were friendly and laughed we joked
with each other for some time
and then left. In the evening Mr J.

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&c went to an Indians house about two miles off his name is Post Oak sons of an old Chief by that name who is now dead. there there were a number of Cherokee men and women collected to have a dance. The women were seated on one side of the room and the men were on the other side or standing about the door outside they were very bashfull and it took much coaxing to get them to play on the violin there being three that could after their manner. The cabin was a small one about 10 by 12 feet plastered inside and out with mud. having a large fire place at one end in which there was a fire this was the only light they had to dance by. in one corner of the room there was a dresser containing a fine caps

and saucers & other house keeping articles two trunks and a few chairs was all that the room contained. I made a push for the other side of the room and seated myself on a bundle of something and commenced talking with one of the girls setting the men a good example I then filled my pipe and handed it to the girls and they smoked one after another at last the fiddle scraping commenced and the men chose their partners and they shuffled off a reel. Smith then made a push and he followed my example. After they had danced about twice I thought I would try it so I asked Miss Fields a very pretty girl to dance with me and she accepted and I found it quite difficult but I managed to get through

some how and dance again with another. One of the fiddle strings broke and they made one out of silk thread. We left about 11½ O'clock

Sunday 16th Clear Ther 88° In the morning I visited the Osage Camp found the women busy packing their mules and saddeling the horses I told them that I had come to vaccinate them and they commenced bringing me their children five of them two men and one woman the rest had all had the small pox. They left at about 11 O'clock After this there were four Cherokee girls paid us a visit and were entertained in the most agreeable manner we could. In the afternoon Lieut W & I walked to the Arkansas and took a bath. The evening was cold and the sun set magnificent

Monday 17th Ther 87°. In the morning I started with Mr B taking my gun along to hunt a place for our next Camp. and while on the hills we got separated he going in one direction & I in another I rode over some hills covered with sandstone and then struck a trail which I followed until I come to the wagon trail this I followed until it struck the Arkansas I should suppose about four miles from Camp. I found nothing to shoot returned to Camp and overhauled my plants

Tuesday 18th Ther 90°. Clear we have found this day exceedingly oppressive there being but little air stirring we packed our things and moved Camp to Mt Post Oaks and we have

named the Camp after him it is situated in some timber on a small branch this is about two miles from our last camp this man has two Creek wives living with him in the same house. Here we found some Osages encamped. They consisted of two men a woman & two Children. In the evening the old man sung for us in Osage Camanche & Pawnee.

Wednesday Sept. 19th Clear Ther 94°
Spent the day in Camp and put my things in order

Thursday Sept 20th Cloudy 85° In the morning I went out with the surveyors taking my gun & fishing line. I found nothing to shoot I obtained some bait and caught a number of fish large Sun fish and a fish they call Trout. It com

menced raining about 5 O'clock.

Friday 21st Cloudy Ther 78° We packed our things and moved camp about two miles on the bank of the Arkansas surrounded with very high hills with large masses of sand stone sticking out of all shapes we had a slight shower in the afternoon took a bath in the evening.

Saturday 22d Clear Ther 81 In the morning Mr B & I rode to the Red fork of Arkansas I took my gun along but found nothing worth shooting. took a bath in the evening

Sunday 23d Clear Ther 81° Captain & I started for the Ball play between the Cowetas & Talsle Creeks we rode as far as John Smiths and there dismounted and finding that it was ten miles farther or

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the Captain returned and c
rode on and instead of its being
ten miles it was fifteen the
country over which I passed was
beautifull and when about one
and a half miles from the place
of meeting I came to the Top
of a high hill where I had
a fine view of the country
for many miles and to add
to the scene the Talsee Creeks
were following the trail and they
reached for the distance of a
mile mounted and on foot
those that were going to play
the most of them were on foot
dressed and painted for the occa
-sion here I met the princ
-ipal Chiefs of the Nation Mc

Intosh & Marshall at about
4 1/2 O'clock they commenced
they numbered 42 on each side
they met on the Prarie the grass
on which had been burnt some
time previous and was now covered
with a fine crop of young grass
They commenced by throwing off
all their cloathing except a breech
clout and then danced round in a
circle shaking their head and kick
ing up their heels after this they
tak their medecine and pounded
their joints with their hands
then they stood in rows whilst
they were wipped with Buffalo
tails to make them strong They
then started for the spot where
they were to play stopping occasion

ally to dance and sing they then arrived at the spot and gave three hoops so did also the opposite party. Then both sides met in the center and laid down their bats. They then gave each man

his station and commenced by throwing the ball up in the center. the game was twenty and it was hotly contested and they handled each other verry roughly and when ever an opportunity would offer they would throw each other and sometimes there would be as many as six or seven in one heap. It was necessary to count one

that the ~~for~~ ball should be ~~thro~~ [between] ~~through~~ the opposite party's poles. In about an hour it was decided that the Coweaters had beaten the Talasee Creeks by seven. There were about 3 or 400. persons present also many women some of whom had wiskey to sell this they charged a bit a gill. I left there at about sun set and it was twenty milles to Camp & I had no one to accompany me taking it easy I arrived there at 10 O'clock and found them all asleep. I then had my horse fed then fed myself not having had any thing since breakfast I enjoyed it much. I then retired ~~and~~ was soon asleep

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Monday 24th Clear Ther 86°
we packed our things and moved
our Camp we left at 8 O'clock
and had considerable road to
repair in some places there was
scarcely room for the wagons
to pass as it ran along the bank
of the River with steep hill and
rocks on the other side, two
of the wagons broke these we
had to repair and at 4 O'clock
we had got but two miles and
we encamped on the west bank
of the Caw-bo-ca-hachee

Tuesday 25th Cloudy Ther 80° moved
camp about 3 miles to Browns old trading
house this is on a small branch on
the road leading to the ford

Wednesday 26th Clear Ther 79½
Mr B & I rode to the ford above the
Red fork found many Indian Cabins
and large fields all deserted and all
of them containing graves most of
which were in the houses

Thursday 27th Ther 79° Clear Mr B & I
took our guns and after taking cons
iderable of a tramp returned to Camp
without any thing. Friday 28th Ther 80° Cloudy* We left the
Captain in his Tent taking a bath
in a horse bucket we enjoyed
ours in the River. after taking
a lunch I rode out to the line
passed over several large hills
& ravines. here the red sand stone
makes it appearance in every
direction

*Mr B & I rode to the River
Hulky obtained a specimen of the Penguin
and 4 Quais Olyppeata Brockan

Saturday 29th Cloudy until noon Ther 83°
we moved camp about 4 miles to the
ford on the Arkansas half a mile
above the mouth of the Red Fork
Mr. B rode ahed but found the
ford filled with quick sand and
that we would not be able to
cross with loaded wagons so we
encamped in the timber on the
banks of the River which is
now very low and the sand
flat in front of our tents
extends for the distance of 120
yds the ford in the deepest place
is not over 2 feet deep. We made
our dinner off Mallard. Lieut M
W S & I took a walk along the sand
bar to the mouth of the Red Fork

Sunday 30th Clear Ther 86.° Mr B & I crossed the river to hunt a place for our next camp we got across without difficulty and then rode to the Red Fork and followed down this stream over the hills which were covered with Post Oaks and at last found a spring at a short distance from which we fixed for our next Camp we turned about and following along on top of the spied the River west of us in the hollow. it runs for several miles down the Country and then returns it runs on each side of this ridge not more than half a mile apart the grass in this Timber is very rank and in a small Prarie adjoining 5 feet high

Monday October 1st Cloudy The wind before day blew furiously from the North West and the Thermometer fell to 53° and while at breakfast it commenced raining and we were forced to retreat to our tents It rained however for a short time and then cleared off and the Thermometer rose as high as 73° The men commenced early taking the things across the River in the Canoes and the Wagons were sent across empty every thing was got across safely and we started for our next Camp at One O'clock. We encamped on the bank of the Red Fork not far from its mouth on the edge of a small Prairie among

some Post Oaks here the grass is very rank and our Cattle will have a good chance we took dinner by the light of a Candle. It consisted of Venison Steak Rice hard Bread & Coffee. I wrote a letter to Aunt Harriott in the evening

Tuesday 2d. Cloudy & rain Ther at day light 44°. It was cold all night I wrote a letter to Tillie Roberts as soon as I got up as the Captain ~~has~~ employed an Indian to take our letters to the Fort. it cleared about eleven O'clock Ther 73° at 2 P.M. I collected and pressed some plants

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Wednesday 3d Clear Ther 82° Mr B & I rode round the head of the Red Fork and after riding several miles crossed it found the ford good we then rode several miles to the top of a high ridge and had a fine view of the Red Fork and surrounding country did not to Camp until 6 O'clock

Thursday 4th Cloudy and rain in the afternoon Ther 79°. there were numerous flocks of wild Pigeons flying over in the morning Mr B & Captain rode round the bend of the River to hunt a place for the next Camp. I prepared a specimen of Tulica Americana that one of the men caught along the river hiding with its head between two stones

Friday 5th Clear Ther 70° I remained in Camp during the morning and put my things in order in the after noon I took my gun and tried to find some specimens but was un successfull
Saturday 6th Cloudy Flying clouds wind from the North & cold Ther at 2 P.M. 62° Moved Camp and after passing over a hilly & rough road we encamped in a piece of Post Oak Timber at the distance of 4½ miles from our last Camp on a stream that was now dry with the exception of a few holes of standing water
Sunday 7th Clear Ther at 6 A.M. 33° there was this morning a heavy frost it moderated and become quite warm in the middle of

The day I left camp at 9 A.M and started for Fields to obtain the letters he was to bring from the Fort when near our old Camp Riverside I met the Indian the Captain sent returning with the mail Fields not having obtained it I returned. It contained letters from Tom, Lillie & Dr Arnott of the 1st of Septr. I arrived at Camp at 4 O'clock
Monday 8th Clear Ther 73°
Moved Camp. I was awoke about 3 A.M by one of the horses moaning on getting up I found that horse Camanche had slipped down hill and was unable to get up I cut his lariette and he soon moved off. we had

briakfast by the light of a Candle and the teams were in motion at day light at 1 P. M. we encamped near the Red Fork at the distance of eight & a half miles from our last Camp it is situated on the side of a hill thinly timbered in the bottom there is much Pea vine and our horses have a fine Chance of getting plenty to eat.

Tuesday 9th Cloudy showery in the Afternoon Ther 67° In the morning I took a long tramp but obtained nothing I prepared two birds in the afternoon.

Wednesday 10th Clear Ther 66°
Mr. B & I took a ride in the morning over the hills I found nothing to shoot

Thursday 11th Clear Ther 84°
Mr. B & I rode out to hunt a place for our next Camp and it was with much dif-ficulty that we could find a rode for the wagons the country that we had to pass over being hilly rocky and having deep ravines. I wrote in the evening to Brother

Friday 12th Clear Ther 64° We moved Camp 5 miles. The Captain & Sherill left for the Fort. Our Camp is sit-uated in a hollow on a small

stream which is now dry excep-
-ting a large hole near our tents
however within a short distance
there is a large Creek so that
our animals can get an abund-
ance of water. here the Post
Oak timber is very thin and
there is an abundance of Prarie
grass we were from 8 A.M. to
4 P.M. moveing our delay was
caused by having to cross
a large creek with very steep
banks which had to be cut
down then we had to cross
a deep ravine where there
was more digging and some
timber to cut we then ~~got on~~ ascended
a long steep timbered hill which
was the dividing ridge between

the waters of this large Creek and the Red Fork and by this means we cut off numerous Hills & ravines.

Saturday 15th Ther 65°. Clear, until noon it then clouded over and at 5 P.M. commenced raining. I took my gun and was hunting all the morning and returned without having shot any thing excepting a Crow (Corvus Americanus) I saw numerous Turkeys but was not able to get within gun-shot so was it also with the Ivory billed Woodpecker. (Picus Eubercus)
The surveying party returned at 4 P.M. Mr Smith however did not return with them he having met Shultz and as we supposed

had gone in pursuit of game.
It was now getting dark and the
rain falling fast and we were
now getting anxious about them
I fired my gun a number of
times and the men were ordered
to hoop and this had the desired
affect and they answered. and they
soon made their appearance
They had lost their way and
had it not been for the firing
and hooping of the men in
all probability they would
not have found their way
into Camp. and would have
to have spent this wet & cold
night in the woods without
fire as Mr Smith had no
matches with him. We have

now placed our Tents in such a situation that with the aid of the Fly in the front of which there is there is a large Fire so that it is like being in a houses and looks cheerfull and sociable

Sunday 14th Cloudy & Rain all day Ther 60° Kept up a good fire all day I washed my leggins we spent the day reading and getting our things in order

Monday 15th Cloudy 57° Spent the day in Camp Mr B & one of the teamsters went to hunt a place for our next Camp.

Tuesday 16th Clear Ther 58° Moved Camp left at 8 A.M. and arrived

at this place at 12½ P.M. This being
6¼ miles from our last Camp
The sight comming out of the Woods
and getting on a mound in the Prai
and then looking round in every
direction (it being very higt) was
beautifull the trees having commen
-ced changing they are now of
various Colours which added
to the beauty of the scene
The country that we have
been passing over for 30 Miles
back has been of the red Sand
stone it is now interspersed
with Limestone such as is to
be found at the bushy Branch
of Verdigris.. I hunted for
specimens of birds this morning
but obtained none I saw a spec

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-imen of the Tyrannus Forfficatus but was unable to shoot him. This camp is situated in the Post Oak timber on the edge of the Prarie which I believe to be the Great western Prarie

Wednesday Octr 17th Ther 65° Clear M - B rode out to hunt a place for our next Camp I remained in Camp. When he returned he reported ~~having~~ seen fresh Indian sign and Buffaloe sign about 2 weeks old.

Thursday 18th Moved Camp Clear Ther 70° We passed some very curious mounds this morning and crossed some hills covered with Sand stone

This Camp is six miles from our last by the road we came and not more than 3½ in a direct line it is pleasantly situated on a large creek the sight of Capt Beaufords Dragoon Camp when on his way to Santa Fe Sherill returned from the Fort I received a letter from Brother dated Sept 17th

Friday 19th Clear Ther 59°

I spent the morning in Camp getting ready to start back in the afternoon Mr Bell rode out 7 miles to the place where the survey finishes this season by the order of the Capt all this distance was through Prairie but there is Timber to be seen as far as the eye can reach beyond this

place being confined to small streams. The party got through their work at 3 P.M. and returned to Camp. On the other side of the Creek opposite our Camp there has been a larg Camp of Osages their sign is about 3 or 4 weks old although sign of a fresh date is to be seen.

Saturday 20th Clear Ther 67° at 7½ A.M. every thing being packed we commenced our march homeward I left the Train and went with one of the men Coulson a hunting we started ~~[illegible]~~

but were unable to get a shot at them also one flock of Turkeys. after riding about 15 miles over the Country we struck the Trail and finding that the wagons had not passed we concluded to ride back and meet them we followed back the Trail until near our old Camp and found that they had encamped, 2 yoke of the oxen having given out. Shalty and Mr S. returned about 4 P.M. having with them two Turkeys & some Partridges one of the Turkeys was an old gobler and weighed 17½ lbs I had him skinned but finding

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that his feathers were drop-ping out so fast I had to throw the skin away on account of his moulting this I regretted exceedingly as it was the finest bird of the kind that I have ever seen

Sunday 21st Clear Ther

One of the wagons being broken it was repaired and all the articles that we could dispense with were taken out of the wagons so as to lighten them and my ~~arsenic~~ Alcohol and numerous other articles were Cashed! That is a hole dug and they were buried

so that they might be obtained another season our bead steads we all threw away

Monday 22^d. Clear Ther 84° Left Camp about 6 A.M. rested two hours at noon and at 4½ P.M. encamped on a deep ravine at the distance of 9 miles from our last Camp Mr. S & I hunted during the afternoon during the morning I was alone and while on the Creek trying to get a shot at some Summer Ducks I saw an Osage dodging about in the bushes I hailed them and talked to him by means of signs and then left thinking it best not to be alone

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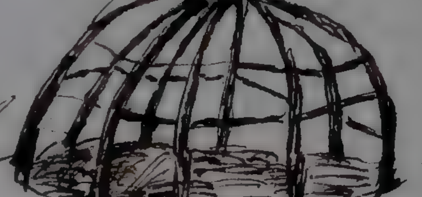
Tuesday 23 th Clear Ther 82°
moved Camp and at noon we
stopped for two hours shortly
after starting the instrument
wagon broke and one of
the oxen give out and we
come to a halt on a stream
near the Red Fork having come
the distance of 4¼ miles
Wednesday 24th Clear Ther 82°
left Camp at about 7½ A.M. and
at noon we arrived at our
old Camp where we encamped
the 6th of this month there
come to a halt for two hours
while there there come a
party of 7 Osages at the head
of whom was Ta-hiela Tálai their
Chief we talked with them

made them presents of a bag of Corn meal and 14 plugs of Tobacco which they divided equally giving the Chiff the largest share and I with them we arrived at their Camp about 4 P.M. It consisted of 12 Lodges and I suppose there were upwards of 50 men women & Children here were several of their head men among them was Wa-ha-sha-she, the Captain. Mon-sha-ke-to-tunka or the biggest soldier. Ta-ka-to took me to his lodge and soon I was surrounded by the Indians and I talked with them by means of signs at sunset supper was set before us it consisted of Coffee. Maryland biscuit, Fritters Sweet Potatoes & Jerked Beef I enjoyed my ~~breakfast~~ supper much

as I was agreeably disappointed
not expecting to get a supper like
this among wilde Indians after
supper (that is after we had fin
-ished his wifes took theirs he
has two the youngest is quite
petty and the elder one is pregnant
and is not so good looking) we then
entered the lodge and he had my
things carried in. These lodges
are very comfortable they are
made by bending young saplings
across each other



and then covering them
with Buffalo skin leaving
them open at the top and in
the center they build a small
fire The Indians spent the evening
singing in their different lodges

In the lodge of Tahla where I was different ones of the tribe would enter stay a short time and then retire among them was a young Mexican boy about 15 years old he was sent for by the Chief thinking that I could speak Spanish he entered and commenced speaking Spanish but I had to make signs to him that I did not understand him I spoke in French but it was no use at about half past 8 P.M. the Chief stoped their singing and we made preparations for bed I had one side of the lodge on the other side was Tahla and his young wife his other wife and child were at the foot of the lodge forming as it were

a triangle our Camp this day moved 7½ miles they encamped on a small branch which they called the Cascade from the water fall ing over a flat rock about 3 feet yesterday we could see the smoke of the Prarie burning in every direction but to day it got close to us. It was the work of the Osages. at night Lt. W. McB & I put much of it out fearing that it might set the Camp on fire.

Thursday 25th Clear Ther 77°
This morning I was awoke just as the day commenced breaking by a most mournfull cry that I have ever heard there appeared to be a squaw at the head of it and she was joined

by all the camp. I asked Talk-
what this ment he said it
was the loment. I then asked
him if they had been loosing
some of his people he answered
me yes that three children
had died at his town with
colds. his eldest wife on awake-
ing kindeled the fire and hung
a kettle of water on to boil
the roasted and ground some
coffee and the other wife after
washing commenced making
bread or flitters she roled them
out on a large wooden dish
with an ear of Corn then cut
them and put them in a
skillet of boiling fat to Cook
Talk-ta then sent one of the

young Indians to get something but I did not understand him he left however. and as he was going Lakta said nigger pointing after this fellow he then made his appearance and returned with a basin of water for me to wash in but I had nothing to wipe on and was forced to make use of my hand kerchief. One of them had just been asking me what was best to stop the nose bleeding I tried to explain him by means of signs the temps but he wanted some medicine and just as I was finishing washing mine commenced bleeding

and I ~~commenced~~ plugged ~~it~~ it up with a piece of cotton. then one of them said that when it was removed it would bleed faster than ever. but I told him it must remain there until noon pointing at the sun. They wanted me to Vaccinate them and I told them that all my medcine was at our Camp. Our break-fast consisted of sweet potatoes Fritters & Coffee. After breakfast I pulled out my false teeth and looked at Tahtte he appeared perfectly astonished — I then replaced them and showed him how I could bite with them He then called Wah-ka-sha-she,

and asked him to point out my loose tooth and he pointed to the wrong one and we all laughed at him I then took them out and showed him then they called. Mor-sho-keta tunka. and I had to go through the opperation for the whole Camp the men women and children crowded before the door of the lodge took a look and then made room for others I made presents of some beads to his wives his Child and to his sisters Children and to one other young squaw. To Takla I gave a looking glass my drinking cup this he was much pleased with

so also was his wife. Their horses and mules were all driven up and the different squaws commenced packing them which was soon accomplished They then started. My pony was then brought up and after they had got under way Ja-ki-ta said that he would go with me a mile I asked him where Mon-sho-ke-to-tun-ka was as he said he was going with me to camp to get medicine but Ja-ki-ta said that he had left and could not go. we started and he rode with me until we struck the trail and then took me by the hand. I gave him a proper

of Vermillion and bid him good bye in many places it was rocky and it was difficult for me to distinguish the trail and I trusted to Davy he led me wrong but once and I discovered it I rode past where our party had encamped and finding the camp fires burning I set the Praire on fire and it went off snapping and cracking when I arrived at the Arkansas I found two of the wagons had already crossed the ford was 3 3/4 miles from where they encamped last night the wagons were got over without unloading although the river was considerably deeper than the

day previous every thing was
across by 2 P.M. and we encamped
at our old camp ground. Mr B
Lt W & I took a bath in the river
the water was quite cold but
I enjoyed it exceedingly.
Friday 26th Clear Ther 75° We
got started at 7 A.M. at 11½ P.M.
we were at the Caw-ho-ca-hoco
bee 7¼ miles from the Ford. here
the wagons stopped two hours
and then went 2⅛ miles farther
and encamped on the Creek next
Taylors Cornfield about half
a mile east of Camp Riverside
Saturday 27th Clear Ther 75° Left
Camp at 7 A.M. and encamped at Jenny
Smiths which was the distance
of 11 miles from our last Camp

in the evening Mr S & I went
to the Talsee Town house to
a dance. This was performed
by dancing round a fire and
singing and hooping then there
was two women dancing round
also who kept time and made
music by means of Turtle shells
filled with pebbles. ~~they~~ kept
this up all night. we left
at half pa~~st~~t nine P.M.
Sunday 28th ~~Clear~~ Cloudy & windy Ther 68°
Spent the day in Camp and got
my things in order in the evening
went to the town house where
the women had a dance
There were but few there
Four women and two Children
There were three ~~men~~ seated

on a bench made out of of a log. They commenced by the women standing in front of them holding in their hands feathers the two at each end having in each hand white feathers much resembling the wings of a bird the rest had small sticks with two white feathers in them on their leg. they had the turtle rattles strapped. The men had each a fether stuck in their heads and then they commenced rattling their turtle shells and commenced singing they were then joined by the women they stooping after this they commenced dancing round

the fire and moving their hands and feathers above their heads. This dance occupied about a half an hour and was rep-eated four times. This dance was to appoint a women to lead them in their dances and was to repeat it four nights in succession. They got through about 9 P.M.

Monday 29th Clear Ther 76° left camp about 7 A.M. and after passing through considerable timber encamped on a stream in the Prarie 17 miles from our last camp

Tuesday 30th Clear Ther 70 left camp at seven. Mr. J started for the agency I rode ahead

and took dinner at the Presbyterean mission called Cowetter here there are two missionary with a large school this is pleasantly situated in the timber on a hill at the distance of 11 miles from our last Camp. here we obtained corn then started at 3 P.M. into the Prarie and encamped on Sar Creek five miles from this place this Creek is dry with the exception of some mud hole's our Tents were pitched close to the wagons in a parcel of bushes and every things looked like Confusion

 Wednesday 31st [illegible] Ther 82°

I rose early and had every
thing ready to start at sun
rise but the mules could
not be found after waiting
some time I sent two
[illegible] to look for them going
[illegible] wagon
[illegible] returning and he told
me that the Oxen had got
[illegible]. Rode on and when
near Browns I met one of
the men returning with them
he said that he had found
them at Browns this is ten
miles from Fort Gibson
Rode on to the Creek Agency
and found Col Logan was
not at home etc. Returning at 1½

P.M. The wagons arrived at [illegible]
where we lunched and remained
one hour then we moved on
to the ford of Verdegris which
was four miles further on
to the bank of the river there
is a high bluff about 20 feet
of thick slate about 15 feet
from the surface there is
a strata of stone about four
inches thick and under the
slate this stone was much
and resembles magnetic iron
but I found it did not contain
this property. This ford
has a rocky bottom we moved
on and at half past 8 A.M.
we were at the Neosho opposite
the fort being nine miles from the
ford of Verdegris

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morning there were several of
the officers come over to see
us they were quite amused
at [illegible] I went over to
the quarter master and changed
my shoes. The Doctor sent for
me and said that they exp-
ected me to stay with him
[illegible] getting off my [illegible]
[illegible] and mounting my horse I
feel like a fish out of water
and quite uncomfortable. I re-
ceived letters one from Brother H
the [other] from Dr Arnott. [illegible]
[illegible] at the Doctors and then
[illegible] Mr Stevens

Friday Nov 2d Cloudy after breakfast I crossed the river to Camp found all well Mr B & Smith at breakfast remained but a short had my things moved over spent the even Called at Gen Pitchers saw the ladies, and then went to singing school with Mrs Wells. After that I went to Capt Imes and spent the evening playing Eucre and had a fine supper at which we had Venison, Lobsters, Oysters &c.

Saturday 3d Cloudy & Clear very warm it rained heavily in the evening and was accompanied by heavy Thunder & Lightning

Saturday 3rd Clear until 12 after 10 o'c
at then became Cloudy and
very high. I dined with the
Bachelor Officers spent the
evening at the Doctors and
played backgammon with
the Dr wife.
Sunday 4th Changeable several
showers throughout the day
rained heavily during the
night. We all dined with
Mr Denclo. The Dr & I
spent the evening visiting
the different Ladies.

Monday 5th Cloudy and heavy
rain throughout the day
Lient Myerses train of wagons
left the Fort at 8 o'clock

this morning and we had our baggage placed in his wagon and after bidding all adieu we left the Fort at 9 A.M. I obtained my horse from the Qr Master he was a fine large grey and it seemed to me as if I was placed astride of a Mountain being so accustomed to riding my pony he was not to be found this morning and I expect was hiding in the Cane brakes. soon after leaving the Fort it commenced raining and it continued throughout the day after passing over a most awfull hilly

and rough road most of which was through the timber we arrived at the Illinois River a beautifull rapid and clear stream with a pebble bottom at 4 P.M. after corssing which we stopped at the house of Mr Mackey for the night. he is a white man with a Cherokee wife his house is a long two story double log house. here we had a large fire built and commenced drying our cloathes. just at this time the rain was falling in torrents. we were all wet and chilled through. after

getting a little warm and some what dry we dispatched a hearty supper and retired to bed. In this room there were two double beds and one bed was made on the floor the beds were feathers, and as we would have to sleep double I concluded that I would take my own blankets and sleep on the floor which I did.

Tuesday 6th Cloudy until nine A.M. it then commenced clearing and we had a fine day. we rose at day light but the teams did not get started until 7 A.M

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just as they started it comm
=menced raining but did not
last long. and one hour after
we left. after going about
3 miles we left the Military
road & took the Whiskey road
as they said it was the
best and avoided the
mountains we rode several
miles before we over took
the waggons two of which
broke which detained us
about an hour. when we
took our lunch. we saw
great numbers of wild
pigeons all day in some
places the trees were
almost breaking down
with them. Grouse

also in great flocks in one of which I counted 72 and some flocks there were greater numbers. We crossed the Saline about 1 P.M. this is a small stream but was much swollen by the rain we continued our march until 2½ P.M. when we came to a halt on the edge of the Prairie which place we concluded because some of the wagons being behind it took them until dark [illegible] to over take us. We commenced immediately collecting wood (the [illegible] of which we [illegible] but we soon found a few

fine underway. The bas
in this timber was filled
with Game but our
powder had got wet the
day before and we were
unable to obtain any.
we made our supper
off the provisions that
had been given us at the
Fort for lunch not hav
ing stopped for a lunch
when we started. after
eating some bread we
spread our blankets before
the fire and we were
soon asleep.
Wednesday 7th Awoke
at midnight and at 1 a.m.
we had the men all up

they cooked their luncheon
while the travellers fed
their animals. we all
took something to eat
our rations were rather
small. The morning was
beautifull and clear bright
the moon shineing bright
our things were all covered
with the dew it being very
heavy. At 2½ a.m. we were
underway and we had about
2 miles of Prarie to cross
before we reached the
timber this was of great
assistance to us the teams
being able to get along fast
but as soon as they entered
the woods they had to slacken

their pace. The morning
was very cold and I was
frequently to dismount
and walk so as to get warm
So at last became tired
keeping with the wagons
and started ahead and at
7 a.m. commenced meeting
straggling horses of the Indians
the Indians we have met
this side of the Fort and
before a much milder
looking set than we met
any where among the other
tribes where we had been
at 9 a.m. we arrived at Laramie
and as we were approach
ing the town we met a
French pike the when tree girl

on horse back the man going the other way we alighted here. This house is a double, 2 story house well finished and is beautifully situated in a grove on a hill at the edge of the prarie commanding a view of many miles. This man is a Cherokee with a white wife and raises corn & cotton and has a large number of negroes. we did not see him. The Capt spoke to the good lady and she had us a breakfast prepared by the two Sent Negros with the wagons come up which was clean

 O'clock. we all had our
own appetites and no
doubt it refreshed them
the wagons went ahead
and we remained until
near one Oclock when
we started The Prairie
was about five miles wide
when we struck the Cotton
wood botton in this we went to
the wagons they being forced
to come to a halt at the
crossing of a swamp which
bridged over with planks
all the teams had crossed
but ours and it was brought
to a halt by some of the
planks slipping and throw
-ing two of the mules. and

when they were extricated
from the mud they were
~~covered with mud~~ and they
were sad looking objects
however they were soon
underway again. In this
bottom there is great quan
tity of Cane and the timber
is of immense growth. They
have been cutting much
of it so as to make the
road very broad and that
the sun may have a
good chance to dry it. at
3 P.M. we arrived at the River
opposite Ft Smith and here
we remained on the sand bar
some time before we could
get the flat boat to come

across the River was on the
rise. When the boat arrived
and on asking the ferryman
how many horses he could
take over at a time he
replied five so the Captain
Lieut Myers, Woodruff and I
started in with the wagon and
we found the boat rather
unsteady and the horses
very restless but before long
they became rather quiet
and we landed in safety
on the opposite side
and rode to the opposite
shore Hotel kept by Capt
John Rodgers. In the evening
we were called on by Capt
Boswell he offered us the

ance of his appointment in the morning he was to leave for Ft Gibson with some ladies. The Captain & Lieut Myers took up their quarters at Capt Montgomeries.

Thursday 6th [illegible] about the town and visited numerous stores. [illegible] introduced me to Mr Burns who was with him on the Santa Fe expedition. There appears to be much business done at this place and it is rapidly increasing there are many buildings erecting and goods are quite abundant

Friday 9th Clear and
warm in the morning
Lieut W. [illegible] & I took a
walk of about two miles
down the River while
we saw a steam boat
coming up and we retraced
our steps it proved upon
[illegible] to be the St Louis
she is to return to [illegible]
to morrow.

Saturday 10th Cloudy
we had our baggage put
on board the Boat after
breakfast. I was introduced
to Dr Bumford of Racine
he desired we should see
Dr Gray to ask him to

ed on his license to prov[illegible]
that when he left it was
wanting the signature of Dr
Jackson. At noon we got
underway and then it commen-
ced raining in a short
time we were at the Pinn[illegible]
where we remained about
one hour at 2 P.M. we left
and a short time after dark
the boat [illegible] too [illegible]
too dark to run. there was
much gambling and drink-
ing going on. five men [illegible]
at [illegible] [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] & others [illegible] [illegible]
This continued all night
some of them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Sunday 11th. Cloudy during the night the Boat ran 25 miles but it got dark and commenced raining at one O'clock and they were obliged to lay by until day break when we again got underway it remained cloudy & occasionally showery now and then all day we arrived at Little Rock at 11 P.M.

Monday 12th Clear and pleasant after breakfast we took a stroll through the town stopped at the Anthony House here I met Mr [illegible] of Phila. I was introduced to Col Chapman, [illegible] Mr Woodruff editor of [illegible]

of the papers and turned
them over. I wrote to
Brother in the evening we
had our things moved from the ship
to the Swallow
Tuesday 18th I hear the boat
was to have started last
night but we did not get
under way until 7 A.M.
we arrived at Pine Bluffs
at 4 P.M. I received from the
Captain $40. and thereby he
having the sum total of
what I owed him. I closed
my accounts with the Captain
and my receipts together with
what he has expended for me
amounted to $30.77

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Wednesday 14th Clear and warm
we arrived at Napoleon
at 10½ A.M. the Patrick
Henry just arriving I had
my trunk put immediately
on board of her so as to
not to be delayed
at Napoleon. and in my hurry
forgot my pen holder
we did not get more than
20 miles this day the
stopping at short distances
to take on Cotton —
Thursday 15th Clear and very
warm we got but a few miles
this day Came to for the night
at Lewisburgh where there was
a large amount of Cotton
— There were a number

of young men come on board
who were bent on having
a frolic they had an Oyster
supper and some of them
were quite tipsy i hailed a number of boats but could not get them to take them off

Friday 18th Showery at daylight
but it cleared and was quite
warm we were boarded by
planters and their families
who would go a short distance
and then get off

Saturday 19th Cloudy

Sunday 20th the [illegible] finished
loading and we went ahead
until we got within 13 miles
of Vicksburg when we were
forced to stop on account of fog

Monday 19th Got under way at 6 O'clock and at 7 A.M. we arrived at Vicksburg where we remained an hour. Clear in the morning showery toward evening. we arrived at Natchez at 10 P.M. and took Lodging at the Mansion Hotel

Tuesday 20th Cloudy & foggy until 11 A.M. after breakfast I hunted McFerguson and he gave me the directions to the Plantation hired a horse and arrived there at noon found all well and delighted to see

me in the afternoon
I took a ride out with
Uncle over the Plantation
he sent a negro to Natchez
after my Trunk I wish to
hunt through.
Wednesday 21st Rain in the
morning Clear in the afternoon
I took a ride over the
plantation with Uncle
in the evening I went
to the girls to a party
at Mr Gillespie's where
we remained dancing until
4 O'Clock A.M.

Thursday 22d Cloudy &
Showery

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Friday 23rd Changeable & warm Mr & Mrs [illegible] called this morning in the afternoon I took a ride with Uncle & Aunt Mary on the plantation

Saturday 26th Warm & changeable it rained heavily towards night

Sunday 25th Clear & warm went to [illegible] Church with Aunt Mary & the girls

Monday 27th The day was delightful and much [illegible] [illegible] Jack [illegible] [illegible] Mary and the

girls on Mrs Peruvian
and Mrs Gillespie we
remained up late expecting
Mr & Mrs Van they arrived
at 3 A.M.
Tuesday 28th Clear
Uncle Mr Van & I took
a [illegible] over the [illegible]
in the morning

Wednesday 29th Clear & warm

Thursday 30th Clear Mr [illegible]
I took a [illegible]

Friday 31st [illegible] cloudy
Mr Van, Uncle, [illegible]
went to [illegible] it [illegible]
[illegible] on our [illegible]

 Saturday Decr 1st Rain in the [illegible] showers all day

Sunday 2d Shining Clear in the afternoon

Monday 3d [illegible] [illegible] C Uncle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Uncle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday 4 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Wednesday 5th Decr
I bid them all adieu at
the Marys Plantation
and rode to Natchez
on horseback and on
my arrival went immed-
iately to the wharf boat
I received ~~from~~ while by Mr Fuger
$82.50 of which I am to
give Edward Morgan $30
the remainder to Mc
Donnell for wine
Thursday 6th Decr. Left
Natchez 10 am on board of the
Shamrock bound to St
Louis. This is an old
boat and is loaded with
emigrants French and
Dutch. The French are

200 of the better class are
to occupy the Cabin. The
captain placed me in
a stateroom with Lieut
McChuk of the Ordinance
Corps
Friday 7th Cloudy. we
we are getting along
but slowly poking into a
great [illegible] in the river
all the way [illegible] at
[illegible] at 12 O M.

Saturday 8th Cloudy & cool
rain in the afternoon about
5 P.M. we run foul of a
[illegible] bank with great force
and it set every thing flying
in the Cabin [illegible] with [illegible]

just being set for us we however got off in a five minutes little damage being done to the boat the passengers were much frightened
On October about the old a deck passenger fell from his berth and broke his neck

Sunday 9th Cloudy & cold commenced snowing in the afternoon the boat had to be tied to on account of the boiler needing repair which detained us twelve hours

Monday 11th Cold it continued snowing and freezing all day until near sun set when it cleared wind north west. I wrote to Albert Smith and gave it to the Clerk to mail at Memphis

Tuesday 11th Clear and very cold

Wednesday 12th Clear cold commenced snowing towards evening

Thursday 13th Middling Cloudy & damp got to Cairo at 3½ A.M. George Tillie got on board here met much drift ice

Friday 14th Clear & cold the drift ice much thicker than yesterday passed 2 steamboats aground arrived in St Louis about 6½ P.M. I wrote to Tillie Roberts remained on board the boat all night.

Saturday 15th Cloudy & damp and warm snow & ice disappearing lost I went to the Planters Hotell took breakfast and dinner there this is a fine Hotell and appears to be well kept

I strolled about the town the situation is high and very pleasant the streets in the upper part of the town are wide and have many fine building. there are but few narrow muddy streets and they are near the levee and much resemble those in New York in the same situation. There are now quite a number of large and handsome stores & store building and also many private dwellings. This is a great business place and reminds me much in mind of New York. At 4 P.m. I left in the Saddle for Alton

after going about 10 miles
we were forced to lay up
on account of the fog all night

Sunday 18th Oct 1/2 this morning
we got underway and in half
an hour the wind come out
at north west and the fog soon
disappeared it blew strong
and commenced freezing
we arrived at Alton at 9 A.M.
took breakfast at the Alton
House & hired a horse from the
landlord and at 10 A.M. started
for Jacksons where I arrived
at 1 P.M. found them well and
delighted to see me. The
road from Alton to Jacksons
was rather sloppy this morning

226 been much Iron and under
this Car and having Found
it was mixed with mud
and when I arrived at Nule
the mud was an inch and
a half thick on the legs
of my pants and Frozen
stiff and I was quite cold
my horse was a good one
and travelled very fine
Alton is situated on a
number of broken hills
contains some Pork pack-
ing establishments
then some big great Mills
and there is a considerable
business done here. The
hotels are poor. The road
for ten miles is very hilly

and the other few miles
to Jerseyville passing over
the Prarie is level and
in good condition Uncles
house is about two miles
south
from Jerseyville in a very
rich portion of the Prarie
their house is frame and
very comfortable.
Monday 17th Clear and interes
-ting Also rode with Auden
to Jerseyville which is
a thriving place and cont
-ains a number of very
pleasant houses. it is the
county town. I paid Aunt
Margaretta the $30. that
Uncle Joe gave me to hand
her

Tuesday 15th Clear & Cold
I left Uncles with Andrew
at 4 A.M. in the wagon
and hitched my Horse behin
d. it was intensely cold
so that we were forced
to get out and run occa
sionally so as to get warm
when we were within four
miles of Alton fearing
that we would be late
I mounted my horse and
rode ahead I paid my
bill and got my baggage
on board the boat before
Andrew arrived we found
much Ice in the river
and arrived in St Louis
about 11½ A.M. and I had

my baggage removed on
board the Embassy bound for
Cincinnati and advertised
to leave this afternoon
the weather moderated
and got cloudy and damp
in the afternoon I walked
about the town.

Wednesday 19th Clear & warm
I bought some books and
gave the package to
the Captain of the Luella
to bring to J. G. Lamb
at Alton for Uncle also
wrote him a letter infor-
ming him that I had
done so. We left St Louis
at half past four and

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after going 20 miles.
laid up for the night
I was introduced to Dr
Fleming & Mr Thrasher
by Mr Stillie. Dr F. I went
to school with at Yale.
There is a bridal party
on board they were
married in the morning
and were now taking
a bridal trip. The boy
the least about it. I
think it any but a delicate
position to place a
young bride in on board
a small boat in a miserable
little state room and hear
ing the remarks of the
whole boats company

passed on them.
This will do very well in the East but in the West I think they had far better stay at home. The Indian name was Black & Corn.
Thursday 21st 6 clock cold got underway at 7 o'clock it was sometime before we could get fires. The [illegible] [illegible] the a [illegible] and pretty [illegible] [illegible] best [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] introduced to the Staff of the army and some the gentlemen.

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Friday 21st clear cold
we have not been troubled
with Ice since we left
St Louis having met scar-
-cely any. Got underway
at daylight and arrived
at Cairo 1½ P.M., we lost
a number of our Passengers
among them the bridal
party they having got on
board the Connecticut bound
for New Orleans.
The husband of the
bride came near being
left at Cairo the boat hav-
-ing got underway before
they found it out. and this
furnished a considerable laugh

as we were about leaving a countryman rode up and wanted to come on board with his horse the boat taking him by the bridle attempted to load him in but the horse would not come. Then several men got behind him and pushed at last the horse fell overboard they then tried him again but the the[?] being tied to the pushing commenced[?] but they got him on board after by passing a rope behind his hind legs and then over his back they pulled him on

Yesterday and to day we
grounded several times but
managed to work off
found a rise in the Ohio
The scenery is quite
beautiful and has not
that monotonous appearance
of the lower River.
Where the Missouri
empties into it the
ice comes pouring out
at a furious rate soft
and much mixed with
dirt. The Mississippi
owes its muddyness
to the River coming
from the Rocky Mountains
for after passing the
mouth of the Missouri

the water becomes clear
the ice hard and of
a different character
It commenced snowing
about dark Maj Stewart
introduced me to Mr Clark
the deligate from New
Mexico. Maj S & his lady
left us at Paddukes

Saturday 22d Clear & cool
in the morning cloudy
in the afternoon and clear
again at sun set.
This morning ^or the sun rose^ every thing
looked beautiful being
covered with snow
the river is still rising
and we meet with much

the off went without qui-
and some hard knocks
we arrived at Evansville
at 7 P.M.

Sunday 23rd Clear and pleasant
we passed over the Falls
and arrived at Louisville
at midnight and left
at 10 A.M.

Monday 24th Cloudy we
arrived at Cincinnati
at 6 O'clock P.M. It
was very cold. I had
my baggage taken
to the Broadway House
while I & 2 others
went on board the Steam

Boat Messenger No 2 we
secured our state room
in the evening we went
to the National Theatre
This is a neat little thea
tre but miserably con
ducted and has a bad
Western appearance
and is well suited
to please horse jockeys
& Drovers. The Palace
the Liver and the
Tiree the Peel life
but of all heathen I
was completely fooled
and afforded no amu
amusement.

Tuesday 21st. Glen [illegible]
wrote to Tillie. I called
on Mr Taylor and he
informed me that he
had sent my collection
to Philada. then [illegible]
I then called on the
Bentworths but they
were not out of their
bed. however [illegible]
Alfred got up the
other [illegible] went
to the office [illegible]
and I was [illegible] about
my [illegible] this
[illegible] brought my letter
from Tillie [illegible]
[illegible]

while I was there
I felt quite unwell and
was not able to eat my
breakfast. I had the
baggage taken on
board the boat and at
eleven O'clock we start
ed. They gave us a
fine [illegible]

Wednesday 26 Cloudy
& cold we were at Point
Pleasant at 7 A.M.

Thursday 27th Clear
[illegible] arrived at [illegible]
at 3 P.M. we found [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]

ing from Great [illegible]
5 Oclock and then got
in the stages. took dinner
at Washington and then
we passed through
Brownsville took tea
at Uniontown. we
found the snow on
the mountains about
15 inches deep but the
road was in fine order

Friday 21st [illegible] and
unpleasant we arrived
in Cumberland at 10 A.M.
and took breakfast left
the cars at 3 P.M.

we arrived in Baltimore
at 5 P.M. it was then snowing
we left there at 8½ P.M.
and were much detained
on the road and did not
arrive in Philada until 5
A.M. Saturday 29th

Within two miles from the Corner, there is an extensive salina, which appeared to be a gravelly, alluvial basin, of about an acre in extent, and destitute of all vegetation. A small fresh water stream runs on one side. And the salt water, quite pellucid issues copiously from the center of this arena [illegible], also in several other places emitting fetid bubbles of sulphuretted hydrogen, which deposits a slight coating of sulphur on the stones and other articles it comes in contact with.